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Guest Essay:

IOS grant program fulfills mission

BY MATTHEW McKIM- LOUDER

For the past 150 years, Illinois has served as a powerhouse of ornithological science. Beginning with one of the earliest and most renowned ornithologists from Illinois, Robert Ridgway in the late 1800s, Illinois has been the home to many eminent avian researchers aiming to understand bird distributions, behaviors and, perhaps most importantly, the protection of bird populations. Thanks to the Illinois Ornithological Society and its grants program, the legacy of Illinois' impact on avian research will continue into the future.

One of the IOS's objectives is "To promote scientific research and education in order to improve knowledge and awareness of birds in Illinois." With more than $53,000 in total grants awarded since the program's inception, providing funding to 44 applicants from nine universities and five private foundations, the IOS Grants Program has fulfilled this important objective. Projects awarded funding include population surveys investigating the distributions and habitat requirements of Illinois avian species, educational workshops promoting birding enthusiasm among our state's youth, and studies exploring bird behaviors and interactions with their environment. Many of these projects not only increase our understanding of Illinois birds, but also provide land managers with valuable information to ensure the survival of bird populations. The benefits of the IOS grants program can be directly appreciated through student publications in The Meadowlark and presentation at our society's annual meetings.

The generous support of IOS members and several birding organizations have made many research and educational projects possible that may have otherwise been underfunded or not feasible. With few funding opportunities for student researchers, the IOS Grants Program is more important than ever. As the number of graduate students has increased over the past decade, both large and small research grants have stagnated, particularly for projects focused on basic science or conservation. In turn, national research grants are more competitive, giving applicants less than a 20 percent chance of successfully receiving the research funding they need. This comes at a time when the technological innovations and novel ideas brought up by bright young minds are crucial to solving our current and future conservation crises while continuing to expand our understanding of birds in general.

As a graduate student and member of the birding community, I enthusiastically thank the members of the Illinois Ornithological Society and other generous organizations that have contributed funding to this remarkable program. I also implore the birding community of Illinois for their continued support, which is greatly needed by both the scientific and birding community of our state.

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Letter from the Editor

IOS is changing and I'm happy to go along for the ride. As editor and publications committee chair, I'm excited about the improved Website – with our webmaster Greg Neise making it more user-friendly and interactive. Plus, we're moving Wings Over The Prairie online so you can get news, updates quickly and easily with the click of a finger.

I'd like to extend a special thanks to Marj Lundy, who edited and designed Wings Over The Prairie for the past several years – Marj will help us get what used to be in the newsletter online. Plus we'll have more features such as blogs on your favorite subject, birds. And we'll try to get online all those great Important Birders You Should Know pieces Marj has compiled over the years.

There are other digital ventures in the works, such as getting past *Meadowlark* stories on line, and a much more complete Table of Contents. Stay tuned for that.

All of this, along with continuing to publish *Meadowlark*, provide you with great field trips and secure grants, takes work and time. We certainly hope you'll join us in any way you can as we enter the digital world with even more fervor.

Please contact us with thoughts, ideas and your willingness to bring some of these ideas to fruition. We have a great team of volunteers who are creating new ways to bring you news from IOS, but we need more involvement from our other members.

Everyone is so busy – I know – but surely there's something you can do that will help us further our mission to disseminate the news of birds and birding in Illinois as well as promote education and scientific research.

To me, it's exciting to think about all the stories and data and great photographs we've provided over 22 years of *Meadowlark*, and now to think they could also be preserved on line as we move forward, that's very exciting indeed.

Finally, I'd like to offer an apology for the *Meadowlarks* being behind our typical schedule. Steve Bailey, my right hand man, and I are working really hard to get these issues out – but remember that volunteers have lots of other things to do besides prepare items for *Meadowlark*, and sometimes it's difficult for them to meet deadlines. Family situations also get in the way – we will try our best to get back on schedule. Thanks for your support and encouragement.

Sheryl DeVore

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Frank Bennett created the Mountain Bluebird cover drawing. He resides in southernmost Illinois where he enjoys watching hummingbirds, gardening and painting.

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How to have a GR-EIGHT owling day (and night)

BY JEFF SMITH

The winter of 2011/2012 saw a record, major irruption of Snowy Owls into Illinois. Double-digit numbers were observed along Chicago's lakefront and well inland, even extending to the far reaches of southern Illinois. These owls garnered much attention from the media, birders, and anyone with a camera. Not to be overlooked though, were the good numbers of Northern Saw-whet Owls reported on some of the northern Illinois Christmas Bird Counts. Short-eared Owls were also plentiful in the larger grassland preserves. Of the winter visitors, only Long-eared Owls were difficult to find on a regular basis. However, when I located a Barn Owl in northern Illinois on its winter roost, I began to think of attempting an eight owl big day.

Eight owl species either breed or are mostly regular, winter residents within Illinois. The Illinois record for number of owl species found in a single day had been seven since 1994 when Alan Welby located that many in northern Illinois. This number was duplicated in central Illinois by Bob Chapel in 1995 and in southern Illinois by Dan Kassebaum in 2004. Barn Owl was missed in the central and northern regions, and Snowy Owl was missed in the southern region. I'm sure the thought of an eight owl day has crossed the minds of others several times in the past. I first heard of the possibility of having an Eight Owl Big Day when a Burrowing Owl was found at Pyramid State Park during the winter of 2006/2007. This year was the first time I'd have a reasonable chance to successfully attempt to record eight owls in a single day. Considering the extensive experience that all of our team members have had in locating and calling in owls, as well as the unique experience of having many of the uncommon to rare owls present and waiting for us to find them this winter, I felt our chances were very good for locating all of the owls that we would be searching for.

After showing several others the Barn Owl and determining it was indeed spending the winter, I began planning the attempt with Steve Bailey and Pete Moxon. We had several likely locations for finding most of the owls but knew of only one good spot for finding a Long-eared Owl. We set out at 3 a.m. on 12 February 2012. Our first location was a spot Pete felt could hold a saw-whet. Although nobody had actually found a saw-whet owl at this location, the habitat looked right, and Pete had found one not too long before, a short distance down the road. We played the tape of the saw-whet's "yap" call and quite to our surprise we almost instantly got the saw-whet's "cat-like scream" call in response! We repeated the process to be sure we heard what we all thought we had heard and sure enough, got the same response. The bird was in a tangle only about 30 feet away. We sure did not expect our first owl species of the evening to be a saw-whet! Satisfied with the calling bird though, we headed to our next stop. We pulled into the parking lot at Elsen's Hill Forest Preserve in DuPage County to play a tape for an Eastern Screech-Owl. After several minutes, and not having walked very far down the trail from our car, we got a response from a Great Horned Owl. Not what we were looking for but, another owl species ticked off our list. We walked farther into the preserve to try again. After a few minutes a small, dark shadow flew across the trail, and soon afterwards a rather faint "whinny" type call began from the screech-owl. It was 3:40 a.m. and we had three species of owl already located. Since we were way ahead of schedule we continued walking the trail all the way down to the river to try for Barred Owl. No tape was necessary here as both Steve and Pete are quite proficient at calling in Barred Owls. Well, at least when a Barred Owl is within hearing range. This was not one of those times.

Though the moon was not full, it nonetheless lit up the landscape quite well. We thought we would go to Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve and maybe find a Short-eared Owl actively hunting in the bright, moonlit prairie. We walked out past the marsh nearest to the parking lot, and after 30 minutes of viewing empty prairie and only hearing a few lonesome coyotes, we decided we weren't going to have a nighttime appearance by a short-eared. Instead we decided to head for the McDonalds restaurant just down the road for a much-needed energy boost for the long night and day ahead. We soon returned with the first blush of lightening sky in the east for another try for a hungry Short-eared Owl. After breakfast we again headed out past the marsh. This time a Great Horned Owl watched us from a nearby low perch. Just as the eastern sky began to turn a lighter shade of blue, we spotted two Short-eared Owls beginning to actively hunt, occasionally perching for nicer views, low over the only grass left along the creek after recent prairie burns. We were half way to our goal before the sun had risen. Just before we climbed into our car at the parking lot, another Eastern Screech-Owl gave us one of its last calls for the evening, signaling that sunrise was not far away.

We decided to stay in DuPage County a bit longer before heading north. We drove to the Morton Arboretum where Steve and Pete tried their Barred Owl imitations one more time and managed to get an almost immediate response from the two Barred Owls that had recently taken up residence on the east side of the Arb in a stand of tall, old conifers. Just for the heck of it, with time to burn, we decided to check for the Northern Saw-whet Owl that had only been making infrequent appearances (or keeping well hidden) in its usual roosting stand of pines behind the Visitor's Center. The previous day it had not been there, but after the three of us had circled the roost tree two or three times, Pete called, "I've got it!" It was well concealed about a dozen feet up. It is always nice to get a visual on a cute saw-whet, and we left the owl still peacefully resting as we walked away with our second saw-whet owl of the young day. A long drive out to McHenry County was next. Pete had recently seen several Long-eared Owls in a pine grove at a county forest preserve. Once there, we slowly made our way through the pines and with slow, careful searching, hoping not to flush the birds before we all got to see at least one, a single Long-eared Owl was found near the area where a few had been roosting several days earlier. The others that were in the roosting flock were likely nearby, but since we only needed one, and it's always a plus to not have to disturb a roosting owl any more than possible, we did not look any further for the others, and left the owl on the roosting perch where we found it.

We now had a long drive ahead of us to La Salle County. But, we were pretty excited since we now only needed one more species of owl to hold the record of eight owl species located in one day… and we still had about half the daylight hours left, not to mention the following evening to search if need be. Although there was a major Snowy Owl invasion occurring throughout Illinois, and there had been numerous sightings of Snowy Owls throughout the Chicagoland area, we had decided that the LaSalle County Snowy Owl was probably our best bet to still be hanging around in the same area where others had been seeing it. This area near the LaSalle Nuclear Power Plant plays host to one or more Snowy Owls most winters, and the birds can often be found along a set of abandoned railroad tracks running south from the power plant. The birds often sit right along the railroad

Page 82: The last owl of the owl big day was likely this Snowy Owl at Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area in Grundy County. 5 January 2012. Photo by Jim Tezak.

Pete Moxon, Jeff Smith and Steve Bailey pet a friendly dog while viewing a Snowy Owl, their eighth owl species of the day.

tracks or can be found either perched atop a utility pole along the grid of country roads which criss-cross the agricultural fields in the area, or sitting far out in one of the corn or soybean stubble fields, at times more conspicuous and noticeable than others. After a quick lunch we began looking for our last owl. No, I didn't miscount. I omitted the Barn Owl part of the story. He was somewhere in northern Illinois, and we did find it in its usual roosting location in which we were able to observe it without flushing or otherwise disturbing it at its daytime roost. I am hoping he returns to breed, so I will not divulge his location.

Finding a Snowy Owl proved to be a bit more problematic than we had anticipated, especially given the large irruption occurring in Illinois that winter. I had previously seen it several times at the LaSalle County location on field trips with others, but always in a different location. This time would be no different. After several passes without luck we decided we would have to expand our search area. We figured east was our best chance as wind turbines dominated the areas south and west. To the north was La Salle Lake which was inaccessible. During our search we had crossed paths a few times with a young couple also looking for the Snowy as well, only they had no optics. We invited them to tag along. After many trips down all of the roads where the owl had been seen (and many where it hadn't), we were beginning to fear that we were not going to be able to find the bird here today, and began thinking of alternative plans and locations as to where we should go to look for another Snowy Owl. We had actually thought that this winter, a Snowy Owl would be one of the easier owls to find and we had been worried more about finding a couple of the other, more common owl species. As usual during a Snowy Owl search out in open fields, we had several sightings of the much more common "White Bucket" subspecies of the Snowy Owl (*Bubo plasticalus pailii*), including one very distant one that we all had almost sworn was the bird, until a long walk down the railroad tracks with spotting scopes in tow brought us close enough to see that the white blob was unfortunately not alive. After a few more farmer "White Bucket" owls, and a couple more sightings of the even more common subspecies of Snowy Owl, the "White Bag" form (*Bubo plasticalus grocerii*), slightly fluttering on corn stubble, we were very close to leaving LaSalle County. Heading east for the last time, another white blob about a half mile out into another ag field, near the edge of where a corn stubble field met a soybean stubble field, caused us to stop one more time. This was near a house with a very friendly, large dog, much in need of vigorous belly-rubbing and attention, who joined us as we set up our scopes one more time. Apparently, this friendly dog was our Snowy Owl good luck charm, as looks through the scope quickly assured us that we had indeed finally found our much sought-after Snowy Owl, only about a mile from where we originally began our search. It is amazing how these large, white birds can camouflage themselves and disappear into vegetation as short as corn stubble, just below slight rises or dips in an otherwise mostly flat agricultural landscape. We had passed right by the bird two hours earlier a couple of times! After some high fives and a couple of photos we said goodbye to the young couple and our furry, friendly good luck charm and began our long ride home. It was nice being able to share the Snowy Owl with the young couple, as without a scope, they either would not have located the bird, far out in the ag field, or would not have gotten the good look that they had with our scopes.

We had a new record but there was still a little more work to be done on the way home. The record for total raptors, including owls, in a day was15. We had our eight owls and had also seen Red-tailed Hawk, Northern Harrier, American Kestrel, and Bald Eagle. We needed three more hawks to tie the old record. While looking for the Snowy we saw what may have been a distant Rough-legged Hawk but couldn't positively ID it. We went back to relocate it with no luck. We then followed the Illinois River east toward Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area, hoping to add a few new hawks along the way. However, we arrived at Goose Lake without any new raptors. We proceeded up to the rooftop observation deck at the back of the Goose Lake Prairie Visitor's Center still hoping a Rough-legged Hawk or Merlin would possibly pass by. Unfortunately, no more hawks were to be found... but there were more raptors here! We watched as several more Northern Harriers began coursing the surrounding prairie and wetlands and as the sun began to set, two more Short-eared Owls appeared and began to hunt and interact with the harriers. Amazingly, while watching the Short-eareds hunting, Pete spotted a barely visible, distant Snowy Owl through the tall, dense prairie grass, perched on the ground next to the edge of a narrow strip of wetland vegetation. It eventually wound up making a couple of long flights over the prairie, then flew off to one of the even more distant high tension, utility towers to the south near Pine Bluff Road and landed on top of the tower over 100 feet off the ground. We finally called it quits when we could no longer see the Snowy.

Mission accomplished! We ended up recording a total of 15 owls heard or seen, though the only species that we didn't actually see were the calling Barred Owls. We also had a total of 12 raptor species. Hopefully in the future there will be more chances for eight-owl days. However, I have a feeling that finding more than eight species of owls on any one day in Illinois will most likely never be possible... but who knows what surprises a future Boreal, Northern Hawk, Burrowing... or dare I say Great Gray Owl might have in store for the lucky owl lovers who may try another Big Owl Day in the years to come.

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In Memoriam

ILLINOIS BIRDING COMMUNITY MOURNS THE LOSS OF THREE INFLUENTIAL BIRDERS

William McCabe Rudden: (July 13, 1946 - June 30, 2013)

BY TIMOTHY BARKSDALE

For those of us who knew and loved Bill Rudden- we watched as he began birding and developed into one of St. Louis' finest birders.

Bill worked at bettering himself and in the process everyone else around him. His sometimes gruff attitude masked a huge and giving heart.

Something hit Bill one day. He became intrigued with gulls.

I had found the first Thayer's Gulls for Missouri. And one of those cold winter days on the Mississippi, Bill showed up. He gave me quite a bit of grief about risking my neck. I dished it right back. After all he was a firefighter.

I think he was fascinated with the stupidity (my stupidity) of putting a boat onto the frozen sections of the river, with ice jams. He began to call me "macho man" and I returned "super macho" back at him. We traded those names back and forth over many years. The man's way of treating someone with respect includes a certain amount of guff.

Gradually and probably somewhat secretly he began to really study gulls. I think he really enjoyed challenging himself.

Late in the fall of 1983, Bill found a dark-backed gull patrolling a huge section of the Mississippi River from below Hall Street in north St. Louis all the way up to and beyond the old dam at Alton.

Bill had found this odd gull, and had been trying to get closer, better and longer looks but could not get it identified. He called me more than once when I was in Columbia and would talk about it and tried to give me a cohesive rational reason for his growing idea and insistence that this was a hybrid bird.

One December day, I excused myself from family responsibilities and

Photo of Bill Rudden
by Al Smith

drove to St. Louis. I felt confident we would find the bird in question and get it fairly easily identified.

I can't remember anyone else out with us that day except Paul Bauer.

After several appearances in the south, the bird began to move deliberately upstream. We caught it at Chain of Rocks, but it moved on. We passed to the Illinois side and found it again twice before we knew we had better get to the dam.

I had an old friend whose family owned the Alta Villa Marina by the dam. We drove right in. There on the river for a long time was our bird. Sitting perhaps 100-200 yards off shore swimming when it needed, but basically holding its position for several hours, appearing to be full and content.. the light gradually improved and the sun actually shown directly on the bird for quite a while.

We discussed the eyebrow, the leg color, the fact that the back color was not dark enough to be a Great Black-backed nor quite right to be a Lesser. Bill would return to his almost pedantic refrain that the bird was a hybrid.

I remember yelling, "You are going to have to prove to me that bird is not... " and I hesitated looking for something outrageous - but right there on the bottom of the Harrison's plate 57 (where we had been looking at Western Gull) was ... "a Slaty-backed Gull..."

Paul remained very quiet, always the voice of wisdom and moderation, reasoning with us both, trying to find a middle ground between the two passionate warriors. But it just didn't want to be identified that day. We struggled for another hour perhaps reaching no resolution at all. The bird flew once, but it was bitter cold and we were all in a partially steamed up car with window condensation obscuring our vision. We'd rush out but the bird would only fly 25-50 yards then settle back down to sleep. So we never got the looks at the wings which we later learned we had needed. We also knew that the primary pattern had not been seen well, and knew that would be the key

Bill called birders, including the famous Phoebe Snetsinger, about this sighting. After a lengthy talk with Phoebe, I concluded that because we had not seen the primary pattern well enough, we just did not know. All I could say was that it possibly was an oddly colored runt Great Black-backed Gull. But, again I hesitated due to the folded wings.

The next day was history and how it is made through perseverance. And that also certainly describes Bill. His tenacious attitude extended into many areas of his life. He gathered those who could help him get that thing right.

Finally, at the Chain in perfect light, the bird fully stretched out its wing and revealed the famous "string

Bill Rudden, CONTINUED

of pearls pattern" making it a Slaty-backed Gull, which Snetsinger, along with Ron Goetz helped identify.

It was the first known occurrence of this Siberian/Alaskan species in the lower 48 United States.

By later in the day the phone hotline was buzzing. Bill had achieved his goal to pin down the mystery gull.

Super Macho- we're gonna miss you big time.

Editor's Note: For details on the Slaty-backed Gull, visit https://sors.unm.edu/sites/default/files/journals/nab/v040n02/p00207-p00216.pdf to read Slaty-backed Gull winters on the Mississsippi River by Ronald E. Goetz, William M. Rudden and Phoebe B. Snetsinger, published in American Birds, Volume 40, No. 2, pp. 207-216.

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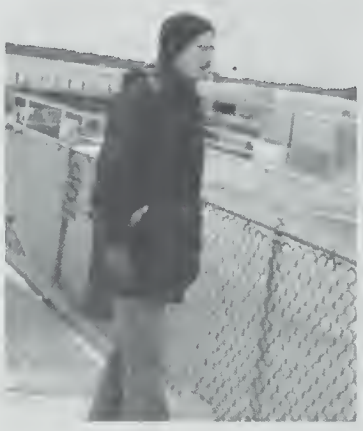
In Memoriam

Lynn McKeown (August 26, 1939 - January 31, 2013)

Lynn McKeown: A quiet, gentle birding tutor

BY MICHAEL BAUM

I first decided to take birding seriously in 1982. You know, regular field trips, record-keeping, and the beginning of lists. I corresponded with Vern Kleen, and he sent me seasonal reports for all of Illinois. I searched through these especially for records in western Illinois, and one name kept recurring: Lynn McKeown. Bell's and White-eyed Vireos, Bewick's Wrens, and Harris' Sparrows in War-ren County, and all kinds of shorebirds and herons from Henderson and Mercer Counties, heady stuff to a beginner!



Lynn McKeown on a CBC at Lock & Dam 18 in 1996.

Photo courtesy of Phil Reyburn.

I didn't know if this person was a man or a woman. I did know I wanted to meet this person. In mid-December I pulled into Lock and Dam 18 on the Mississippi and saw a guy with a scope. It was Lynn. We talked for some time and exchanged numbers. By January we began birding together three or four times a month for the next several years. He shared all his haunts with me, up and down the Mississippi from northern Mercer down into Hancock County. He knew all the flooded fields and marshes, many of which are now gone forever. I garnered life-bird after life-bird under his tutelage. And he initiated me to the wonders of the Monmouth Sewage Lagoons, still the best birding spot in all of Warren County. Many were the days we would troll the Mississippi with indifferent success finding waterfowl and end the day here with hundreds of ducks, species count in the low teens, and up close and personal.

In mid-June of 1984 Lynn and I spent a long weekend camping in the Shawnee National Forest, my first time there. We garnered another long list of lifers as we birded all day long, then deprogrammed around a campfire to talk of Blue Grosbeaks, Prairie Warblers, and chucks. On May 17, 1986 we tried a Big Day in Henderson County. Off and on rain all through the early morning ruined our chances, and I remember being frustrated and angry. What I didn't understand was the remarkable effect the weather was having on water birds. Everywhere we looked, the river was covered with Black Terns! I was too preoccupied with Big Day thoughts to understand what I was seeing. There were thousands of them. Mixed in were Franklin's Gulls and Common Terns, never easy over here in Forgotonia. Every shorebird spot we hit, we saw flocks of birds dropping in on us, turnstones, dunlin, black-bellied and golden plovers, Short-billed Dowitchers at our feet. And as we walked north along the Lock and Dam 18 levee, there dancing at water's edge was the Al Stokie of the day, a Tricolored Heron!

Lynn was a quiet, gentle man with a first-rate mind. I never saw him angry or upset – not once. He had a masters' in library science, played trombone, and wrote for and edited the Galesburg Zephyr for years. When he and I weren't talking about birds, we would discuss life, the universe, and everything. And every time my argument had a weak spot, Lynn was there with a scalpel to remove it. Quiet dignity and ego-free intelligence were his hallmarks. We lost Lynn from this world on January 31, 2013 at the age of 73. I am blessed to have a long list of great memories, places, and birds shared with this good man.

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Robert Roy Guge (August 19, 1952 - November 11, 2013)

Bob Guge: A master sculptor of birds

BY ROBERT MONTGOMERY

Robert Roy Guge, better known as Bob, passed away following a brief illness on November 11, 2013 while in hospice care in Barrington, IL. Born in Carpentersville, IL he developed an interest in birds and the outdoors and discovered his God-given artistic talent in school. Bob began carving with his farther, Roy, and soon began entering his works in shows and rapidly became an international renowned wood sculptor. His natural talent was encouraged and helped by many talented and well known carvers; his father, brother Scott, Harold Hartel, and a group of other local cavers. Not a "birder" per-se; his field identification skill were excellent. He had a sharp eye and a keen memory, retaining the nuances of bird plumage, feather shape, and colors as well as bird behavior and postures. As his skills improved and expanded, he began entering his works at shows and competitions and won regularly. The field of wildfowl sculptors – waterfowl – was already crowded with many outstanding carvers of duck, geese, and shorebirds so Bob carved out his own niche – songbirds and raptors. Regardless of the species they appeared to be ready to get up and fly away.

Photo of Bob Guge watching birds.

For more of Bob's work visit www.wingsinwood.com/index.php.

Bob's skills were passed on to his eight children that he and his wife, Jody raised. To showcase his work they held an open house during the holiday season. It was a family project to showcase the family's talents by carving, constructing or sketching, birds, fish, butterflies, fairies, and other creations.

Photo of one of Bob Guge's carvings, Yellow-throated Warbler

Teaching and training bird carvers were an important activity for Bob. Holding local workshops as well as giving classes around the country were Bob's favorite activities, and these classes were filled with enthusiastic carvers. He helped write books on his techniques and developed self-help videos for inspiring carvers.

One of Bob and Jody's sons, Josh, followed in Bob's footsteps and became a full time, prize winning sculptor of marine and tropical fishes as well as birds. Together they created the now Elgin based Guge Institute of Wildlife Art, where they offered classes in drawing, painting, and carving to students of all ages.

Bob's creations or as he referred to them, "Wings-in-Wood," resulted in many awards at shows throughout the country; including-five times Best in World at the World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition in Ocean City, MD. Shortly prior to his death he was presented with The Ward Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award. His works are displayed in museums and are part of the permanent collection of the North American Wildfowl Art Museum in Salisbury, MD and the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau, WI as well as private and corporate collections around the world. Among his commissioned works is a series of song birds for Danbury Mint which sells cast reproductions.

Bob's skills have been passed on to his students and we look forward to seeing them continue his legacy of love for all things wild and to help conserve and protect our wild birds.

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Editor's Note: We thank the authors for writing memorials to deceased members of the birding community. If you are interested in providing a memorial, please email sheryl.devore@comcast.net

2013 IOS grants program sets records

• A record 22 grant requests were received.

• A record 13 were funded.

• A record $13,000 was contributed by a record 22 organizations and individuals.

Here's a brief synopsis of the 13 grants that were awarded:

1. **Ben O'Neal:** Franklin College and Ill. Nat. Hist. Survey; Assess the nesting ecology of waterbirds and other marsh birds prior to the drawdown in the Emiquon preserve in spring/summer 2013.

2. **Amber Wingert:** U of I -Champaign; Monitor the Barn Owl nest boxes in Southern Illinois to determine reproductive success, develop a model of nest box site selection and test the effectiveness of conspecific playback as a survey method.

3. **Kevin Sierzega:** Southern Illinois U- Carbondale; Quantify the differences in bird community metrics, e.g., species richness, evenness and diversity during spring migration and in the breeding season across a gradient of oak-hickory and beech-maple dominance forests.

4. **Scott Chiavacci:** U of I - Champaign; Determine factors affecting shrubland bird nest success and causes of nest failure in urban and rural marshlands in 8 test sites in northeastern Illinois and 3 sites in east-central Illinois.

5. **Antonio Celis Murillo:** U. of I - Champaign; To foray or not to foray: Extraterritorial behavior in Field Sparrows and its behavioral, morphological and reproductive correlates.

6. **Maria Stager:** U. of I - Champaign; Evaluate the effects of day length and temperature on seasonal variation in metabolic performance and correlated differences in underlying gene expression profiles in Dark-eyed Juncos.

7. **Mark Swanson:** Field Museum and Ill. Wesleyan Univ.; Determine the interactions between morphologically similar, but genetically distinct Barred Owls of Illinois and the upper Midwest.

8. **Henry Pollock:** U of I - Champaign; Investigate thermal tolerances and responses to heat stress in a suite of Illinois birds and compare the data with similar data collected in Panama to determine how birds will respond to climate change.

9. **Justin J. Shew:** Southern Illinois U- Carbondale; Funds for year 3 of a 4 year study of the nesting success, species richness, species population, etc. of grassland birds in land set aside in the Conservation Reserve Program(CRP).

10. **Valerie Buxton:** U of I Champaign; Making the most of what remains: Determining urban grassland quality in Illinois. Assess how grassland patch size and landscape context affect grassland bird occurrence, abundance and nest success. Funds for year 2.

11. **Douglas R. McClain:** Cooperative Wildlife Research Lab - SIU-Carbondale; Year 2 of a study to research the response of breeding wood ducks to differences in productivity within the Cache River watershed. The Cache River watershed has undergone different modifications during its history.

12. **Sarah Cleeton:** U. of I - Champaign; Explore the role of migratory songbirds in the spread of Lyme disease invasion (such as Lyme disease) in central Illinois.

13. **Elsa Anderson:** DePaul Univ; Assess Red-headed Woodpecker nest-tree and habitat characteristics and evaluate nesting competition in relation to nest-site success in Cook County.

Watch for articles about some of these projects in the IOS quarterly journal, *Meadowlark*.

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The 2012/2013 Christmas Bird Count

BY PAUL SWEET

The 2012/2013 Christmas Bird Count was another warm count season, with 13 counts exceeding 50 degrees, and two breaking 60. Thirteen counts failed to reach freezing, all in northern or central Illinois. On the other hand, 32 counts had lows above freezing. Similar to last year, open water was at least partly open on all counts, and only nine reported frozen still water.Twenty counts reported snow cover, with a surprising eight inches from far southern Union County. Things were even windier than 2011, with 35 counts recording wind speeds of at least 15 mph. Carlyle Lake recorded the highest wind speeds, with max winds of 45 mph, and minimum speeds of 30 mph. This would explain the 10 count-week species reported on that count! Across the entire state, there were 174 species recorded, slightly down from the previous Christmas Bird Count's 176 but still a very nice total, with two more count week birds. The highest count-day total was at Rend Lake, with 104, but Carlyle's 10 count-week birds pushed their overall total to 106, the highest in the state. Davenport, Iowa recorded 95 species, an impressive total for a northern count.

Sixty-seven counts reported total, with 1,209 field observers contributing 3,486 party hours across 21,698 miles (See tables). An additional 305 feeder counters added 580 hours of observation. Observers also logged 338 nighttime hours. Fermilab's 116 field observers were down from last year, but they were still the only count in the state to exceed 100. Waukegan's 79 feeder counters put them back on top in that category.

Greater White-fronted Geese.
McLean County.
6 February 2013.
Photo by Matt Fraker.
Increasingly large numbers of this species are being found on Illinois CBCs.

A Mississippi Kite on Waukegan and a Barnacle Goose at Big Rock are both still pending IORC review. Mississippi Kites have occurred as a breeding species in northern Illinois in recent years, and have been departing the state considerably later than southern populations, but this would still be a remarkable record. Other notable sightings include Barrow's Goldeneye in Evanston, a Rufous Hummingbird at Kishwaukee, and another host of shorebirds.

Ducks through Herons

Greater White-fronted Geese nearly reached last season's record high, with a high count of 18,101 at Chautauqua NWR. Snow Geese were reported on 29 counts, with a near record count of 352,787 and a high of 238,217 at Carlyle Lake, while another near-record 171 Ross's Geese were reported on 13 counts. 100 of those were at Marquette Park. Swans continue their impressive increases – after a series of lower years, 291 Mute Swans were reported. A record 275 Trumpeter Swans were reported on 15 counts, and 1,416 Tundra Swans at Clinton, IA, and 198 flybys on the Chicago Lakefront helped push that species to a new record of 1985 on 12 counts. Other notable waterfowl included 29 Blue-winged Teal on four counts, lone Surf and White-winged Scoters at Calumet City, two White-winged Scoters at Davenport, two Long-tailed Ducks at Chicago Lakefront, and the aforementioned Barrow's Goldeneye at Evanston.

Ring-necked Pheasants rebounded a bit from last year's low count, with 227 on 29 counts, and the 28 Greater Prairie Chicken at Newton were an improvement over last year's 11. There were 158 Northern Bobwhite reported on 15 counts, an increase over last year's record low count. Four counts reported a total of 13 Common Loons, but no Red-throated Loons were found. Two Western Grebes were at Calumet City, and Carlyle reported a count-week Eared Grebe. Nine counts reported 424 American White Pelicans, with a high of 202 at Carlyle and an additional 200 at Davenport. Chicago's wintering herons put in an appearance – Lisle Arboretum had a Great Egret, andthree counts, all in the Chicago area, reported Black-crowned Night Herons.

Red Crossbill flock, Sand Ridge State Forest, Mason County, 5 November 2012.

Photo by Tyler Funk

Red crossbills were found on several Illinois CBCs, including at this location.

Raptors through Hummingbirds

Fermilab reported a Northern Goshawk, and Kishwaukee had one during count-week. White Pines had a Golden Eagle, while Lisle Arboretum reported one during count-week. Fourteen counts reported Merlin, 11 reported Peregrine Falcon, and Champaign County had the state's only Prairie Falcon.

Shorebirds put in a very impressive appearance – Lesser Yellowlegs, four Dunlin, and 54 Least Sandpipers at Rend Lake, two Dunlin at Union County, 10 Least Sandpipers and 3 Dunlin at Newton, two Spotted Sandpipers, three Least Sandpipers, and a dowitcher species at Mermet Lake, a Lesser Yellowlegs at Horseshoe Lake, and five American Woodcock at Crab Orchard NWR. As would be expected, 928 Killdeer on 32 counts and 304 Wilson's Snipe on 18 counts were also well above average. Gull totals were fairly typical, with nine counts reporting Thayer's, one (Chicago Lakefront) reporting Iceland Gull, 5 reporting Lesser Black-backed, 2 reporting Glaucous and 2 reporting Great Black-backed. The count-week Thayer's Gull at Collinsville and the Lesser Black-backed at Kishwaukee were notable. Ten Forster's Terns at Rend Lake were remarkable.

Eurasian Collared Doves were reported on 41 counts this year, a new record. Three counts reported a total of six Barn Owls, with four at Hennepin. The only Snowy Owl was a count-week bird at Thorn Creek. Long-eared Owls were only reported on 12 counts this year, but 19 counts reported Northern Saw-whets. Kishwaukee had a Rufous Hummingbird, the second year in a row that this bird has been found in the state.

Flycatchers through Finches

Eleven counts reported 55 Eastern Phoebes, with the one at Fermilab the farthest north. Only seven counts reported a total of nine Loggerhead Shrikes, down from last season's total. Only 30 Northern Shrikes were reported as well. American Crow numbers were down from last year's record total, but they were still reported on all 67 counts, one of 10 species for which that was true. Fish Crows went unrecorded this season. Sixty counts reported a total of 11,713 Horned Larks, both well above the recent average.

Kankakee Valley again had a lone Northern Rough-winged Swallow. Five counts reported House Wrens, while Crab Orchard had a Sedge Wren and Newton had a Marsh Wren. Only two counts reported Gray Catbirds, but Crab Orchard's 25 Brown Thrashers were actually second to Horseshoe Lake's 53! American Pipit numbers were down from the last few years, with 41 on seven counts. A Bohemian Waxwing showed up in time for the Evanston count.

Three counts reported Orange-crowned Warblers, andtwo2 counts reported Pine Warblers. Spotted Towhees were at Meredosia and Union County. Four counts reported Vesper Sparrows, eight reported Le Conte's Sparrows, six reported Lincoln's Sparrows, and three reported Harris's Sparrows. Western Meadowlarks were reported on five counts and Brewer's Blackbirds on seven.

It was a very good season for winter finches – 49 Red Crossbills on eight counts, 19 White-winged Crossbills on Springfield, 494 Common Redpolls on 19 counts, lone Hoary Redpolls on Kishwaukee and Evanston, and six Evening Grosbeaks at Thorn Creek. In keeping with this invasion, 48 counts reported Pine Siskin.

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Table 1. Count circles, abbreviations, weather and effort, and compilers for the 2012/2013 Christmas Bird Count for Illinois.

Count Name	Code	Count Date	Temp Low	Temp High	Wind Direction	Wind Low	Wind Speed High	Snow Depth	Water	Sky Conditions	Field Observers	Total Parties	Party Hours	Party Miles	Feeder Observers	Feeder Hours	Owling Hours	Owling Miles	Compiler	
Andalusia	ANDA	1/5/13	23	35	SW	5	15	2	fz/o	clr/lsnw	7	3	28.75	244.25	0	0	10	104	Kelly J McKay	
Barrington	BARR	12/17/12	10	20	N	2	12	3	fz/po	clr/clr	25	13	75.75	264.5	8	7.75	0	0	Duane Heaton	
Big Rock	BGRK	12/16/12	25	35	NW	30	45	0	pfz/o	clr/clr	22	8	47	136	0	0	12	66	Timothy Balassie	
Calumet City - Sand Ridge	CALU	12/29/12	22	31	N	7	19	0	o/pfz	lsnw/cldy	36		64.5	285	10	20	0	0	Carolyn Marsh	
Chicago Lakefront	CHLK	12/16/12	45	50	S	10	15	0	o/o	lrn/cldy	33	14	71	211	4	4	3	18	Joel Greenberg	
Chicago Urban	CHIU	12/25/12	20	36	U	1	2	0	pfz/o	pcldy/pcldy	22	4	22	51	0	0	0	0	Jeffrey Sanders	
Clinton IA	CL IA	12/19/12	43	54	S	15	28	0	o/o	lrn/lrn	11	4	41.5	312.25	0	0	0	0	Kelly J. McKay	
Davenport IA	DA IA	12/16/12	25	32	NW	2	10	0	po/po	cldy/cldy	16	7	74.5	547	19	38	0	0	Kelly J. McKay	N
Dekalb	DEKA	12/15/12	29	30	NW	5	25	0.5	po/o	lsnw/cldy	19	10	61.5	472	2	2	10	140	Mike Andrews	
Evanston North Shore	EVNS	12/29/12	11	24	NW	4	10	0	u/u	lsnw/cldy		16	99	279	19	23	10	26	Tim Wallace	O
Fermilab	FERM	12/15/12	32	56	S	4	12	0	o/o	clr/mcldy	116	34	188	889	1	4	25.4	20	Jeff Chapman	
Freeport	FREE	12/15/12	35	52	SW	5	20	0	o/o	cldy/pcldy	22	6	43.6	443.1	5	6.33	3	71	Richard Benning	R
Hennepin	HENN	12/22/12	45	60	SW	8	25	0	o/o	cldy/clr	8	4	35.75	288.5	0	0	6.5	59	John McKee	
Illini S.P.	ILLI	12/29/12	44	57	SW	5	25	0	o/o	lrn/mcldy	12	6	34	327	6	16	8	42	Jim Hampson	T
Joliet	JOLI	12/15/12	39	45	SW	12	20	0	o/o	lrn/lrn	16	8	43	170.5	1	2.5	0	0	Gregory Bluhm	
Kankakee Valley	KANK	12/29/12	16	35	W	5	15	0.25	po/po	clr/clr	25	9	50	274	6	12	10.5	52.4	Jed Hertz	H
Kishwaukee	KISH	12/22/12	23	37	NE	5	13	1	o/o	clr/pcldy	30	14	94.75	644.75	8	15	13	77	Barbara Williams	
Lisle Arboretum	LISL	12/16/12	13	24	NW	0	14	0	fz/po	pcldy/clr	95	36	166.17	537.75	8	21	22.6	81.8	Geoffrey Williamson	
Lyndon	LYND	12/29/12	17	37	SW	8	18	1	fz/pfz	clr/lsnw	6	3	20.5	276.9	1	1	4.3	10	Dustin Holschuh	
McHenry Co.	MCHE	12/15/12	21	27	NW	10	15	1	pfz/o	cldy/cldy	42	12	82.5999999 9999999	469	2	4	0	0	Rob Gough	
Morris-Wilmington	MOWI	1/5/13	21	33	NW	7	20	2	pfz/o	cldy/cldy	15	6	45	173	1	3	2	0.2	Bill Morris	
Muscatine IA	MU IA	12/26/12	41	48	W	5	12	0	o/o	lsnw/cldy	10	5	51.75	484	9	18	0	0	Kelly J. McKay	
Princeton-Camanche IA	PC IA	12/20/12	19	25	NW	9	11	0	pfz/o	unk/unk	7	4	29.75	301.75	0	0	0	0	Kelly J. McKay	
Rock Cut State Park	RCSP	12/26/12	25	29	N	10	20	1	fz/pfz	cldy/cldy	9	4	20	157	0	0	0	0	Eddie Callaway	
Rockford	ROCK	12/15/12	38	44	S	12	21	0	o/o	hrn/hrn	40	17	108.75	739.75	9	15	18	111	Dan Williams	
Schapville	SCHA	12/15/12	18	28	N	5	10	0	u/u	pcldy/pcldy	21	6	31	285.5	2	8	0	0	Terrence Ingram	
Starved Rock S.P.	SRSP	1/1/13	30	36	NW	3	8	8	po/o	lsnw/mcldy	14	6	50.5	380	2	2	6	65	John McKee	
Thorn Creek-Park Forest	TCPF	1/5/13	48	56	NW	5	26	0	o/o	lrn/lrn	43	17	84.25	500.1	17	34	0	0	Al Thomas	
Van Petten	VPET	12/24/12	42	47	S	6	10	0	o/o	cldy/cldy	8	4	33.75	359	0	0	0	0	Kelly J. McKay	
Waukegan	WAUK	1/1/13	28	40	NW	5	50	4	o/o	rn/snw	34	18	97.75	373.6	79	169	10.5	56.2	Joel Greenberg	
White Pines	WTPN	12/16/12	34	45	W	0	5	0	o/o	cldy/cldy	11	6	52.75	416.5	0	0	19	104	Eric Walters	
Bloomington - Normal	BLOM	12/15/12	11	31	S	0	7	0	pfz/o	clr/pcldy	13	7	31	192	1	0	0	0	Dale Birkenholz	
Bushnell	BUSH	1/1/13	16	35	V	0	8	0	o/o	lsnw/mcldy	5	3	20.5	200.25	1	1	2	12	Larry L. Hood	
Champaign County	CHAM	12/15/12	18	36	U	0	0	0	po/po	clr/clr	19	6	47.1	110.6	0	0	6	6	Helen Parker	C
Chautauqua N.W.R.	CHAU	12/22/12	44	65	S	10	23	0	o/o	lrn/mcldy	8	5	38.5	267.75	3	4	2.5	20	Richard Bjorklund	
Chillicothe	CHIL	1/5/13	46	59	W	6	16	0	o/o	cldy/pcldy	12	7	60.5	386.5	0	0	0	0	Tracy Meints Fox	E
Clinton Lake	CLLK	12/16/12	40	49	SE	14	19	0	o/o	lrn/lrn	12	5	38.75	314	0	0	5	40	Rhetta Jack	
Coles-Cumberland	COCU	12/22/12	21	45	S	1	5	5	po/pfz	lsnw/lrn	17	8	51.25	267	3	8.25	2.5	0.5	Laurence Thorsen	N
Crane Lake-Sangamon	CRLK	12/15/12	12	32	SW	0	10	2	fr/po	clr/clr	9	5	42.5	318	1	0	0	0	Robert Randall	
Decatur	DECA	12/15/12	41	47	SW	5	21	0	po/o	hrn/lrn	10	7	22.75	78	3	2.75	0	0	Ross Thompson	T
Eastern Knox Co.	EKNX	12/14/12	10	29	W	0	3	2	po/o	clr/clr	10	6	50.25	453.6	0	0	12	119	Jim Mountjoy	
Eastern Mercer Co.	EMER	1/4/13	39	51	W	7	15	0	o/o	cldy/cldy	7	4	36.75	271	0	0	6.25	56	Cathleen Monson	R
Forest Glen Preserve	FGPR	12/19/12	21	37	SW	5	20	0	fz/pfz	pcldy/lrn	15	8	51.5	312	1	1	3	5	Marilyn Campbell	
Meredosia Island	MERE	12/14/12	8	21	NW	4	10	2	pfz/o	clr/clr	15	6	58.75	462.5	0	0	0	0	Tony Ward	A
Middle Fork River Valley	MFRV	1/1/13	28	42	NW	0	20	0	o/o	cldy/cldy	15	10	67.75	471.75	1	2	9	86	Steven Bailey	
Quincy	QUIN	12/15/12	41	49	S	12	28	0	o/o	hrn/hrn	14	6	43.25	320.25	23	33	0	0	Ken Heinze	L
Schuy - Rush	RUSH	1/5/13	12	38	S	2	8	1	pfz/pfz	clr/clr	7	4	12	27	18	29.75	1.5	0.5	Harold Hedden	
Springfield	SPFD	12/23/12	20	40	SW	5	9	2	po/po	pcldy/lsnw	20	12	67	366	14	26	6	20	H. David Bohlen	
Western Mercer Co.	WMER	12/31/12	20	28	N	10	15	3	fz/o	cldy/cldy	9	5	42	350	0	0	17.5	168	Kelly J McKay	
Baldwin Lake	BALK	12/15/12	37	39	NE	0	7	0	o/o	cldy/cldy	10	5			3	3.5	0.43	40	Tim Dever	
Bird Haven Sanctuary	BIRD	12/15/12	37	53	SW	5	10	0	pfz/o	lrn/pcldy	12	7	34	307.5	4	9	0.5	6	Frank Storment	
Carlyle Lake	CALK	12/21/12	42	47	W	6	17	0	pfz/pfz	cldy/pcldy	13	6	58.5	470	0	0	0	0	Dan Kassebaum	S
Collinsville	COLL	12/15/12	37	41	SE	0	10	0	o/o	cldy/cldy	14	7	41.25	354.8	1	0.5	3	2	Frank Holmes	
Crab Orchard N.W.R.	CROR	12/16/12	40	43	SE	10	25	0	pfz/o	lsnw/lsnw	6	3	35	151.5	1	1	7	66	Mike Brown	O
Cypress Creek	CYCR	12/17/12	32	34	NW	3	5	4	pfz/o	cldy/lsnw	15	9	60.5	238.8	0	0	2	2	Jeff Hoover	
Elsah	ELSA	1/5/13	36	55	Calm	1	5	0	po/pfz	clr/pcldy	11	3	18	167.5	3	6	5.8	58	Mary Jane Hoff	U
Horseshoe Lake	HSLK	12/28/12	43	46	SE	8	18	0	o/o	lrn/lrn	16	11	77.75	419.5	0	0	13	0	Vernon Kleen	
Jackson Co.	JACK	1/1/13	41	48	SE	5	24	0	o/o	lrn/lrn	10	7	45.5	276.65	1	2	2.34	23.6	Rhonda S Rothrock	T
Mermet Lake	MRLK	12/30/12	47	59	S	15	28	0	o/o	hrn/pcldy	15	8	51.42	345.25	1	1	0.6	0	Frank Bennett	
Middle Mississippi NWR	MMWR	1/2/13	45	57	E	10	15	0	o/o	lrn/lrn	11	4	37	335.5	0	0	0	0	John Hartleb	H
Monroe County	MONR	12/18/12	42	52	S	19	33	0	o/o	lrn/lrn	6	4	22.5	188	3	24	2	2	Carl Daubach	
Newton	NEWT	12/18/12	30	51	S	3	10	0	o/o	clr/clr	11	6	36.5	445.5	0	0	5	68	Jeff Walk	
Pere Marquette Park	PEMR	12/15/12	7	34	SW	8	18	5	po/po	clr/clr	15	6	39.32	205.55	0	0	0		Robert Thomas	
Rend Lake	RDLK	12/15/12	24	33	NW	6	13	4	pfz/pfz	cldy/cldy	13	5	45	301.25	0	0	7	100	Keith A McMullen	
Shelbyville Reservoir	SHEL	1/4/13	23	29	U	12	21	1	po/pfz	lsnw/mcldy	9	4	36	324	0	0	11.5	132	Travis Mahan	
Union Co.	UNION	12/29/12	20	36	N	10	15	8	fz/o	cldy/cldy	21	13	84.5	401.5	0	0	11	0	Vernon Kleen	
Warbluff Valley	WRBV	12/15/12	39	45	W	5	20	0	o/o	cldy/cldy	9	5	32	303.85	0	0	0	0	Andrea Douglas	

Table 2. Count data for Northern Illinois (north of I-80) CBC 2012-2013

Species Name	ANDA	BARR	BGRK	CALU	CHLK	CHIU	CL IA	DA IA	DEKA	EVNS	FERM	FREE	HENN	ILLI	JOLI	KANK	KISH	LISL	LYND	MCHE	MOWI	MU IA	PC IA	RCSP	ROCK	SCHA	SRSP	TCPF	VPET	WAUK	WTPN
Greater White-fronted Goose			2				38	9					83								19										
Snow Goose			3		cw			15	cw											3					4			5			
Ross's Goose					cw				1								1														
Barnacle Goose			1																												
Cackling Goose	6	3	162		2		20	114	129	5	401	56	15	28	13	1	711	1		15	10	6			831		25	3	44	10	14
Canada Goose	273	3727	3095	2369	2806	1739	2798	3581	4657	4265	20622	1191	1980	1325	1450	3892	9650	4438	833	6079	4962	2527	83	3535	8731	435	1732	4661	2628	13178	1368
Mute Swan		5		49	2					2					29	6				29	7									24	
Trumpeter Swan				28			9	3		2								3					8							5	
Tundra Swan				57		198	1416			148	4					cw			56						12					7	
Wood Duck			2	2	14			6		1			1			cw		2		8	13	1							1	2	1
Gadwall			12	33	2		121	31	4	9	37		28		177	cw		340			237	16		cw	4			2		135	
American Wigeon				3			4	1			4				6			27			2									
American Black Duck	1	4	6	21	2		15	4		13	16		6	127	13	9	5	15		9	9	2		1	2				1	16	
Mallard	1000	854	704	1335	914	176	2729	843	475	2363	3691	256	5385	809	988	810	1444	1448	30	1441	3243	530	64	125	2079	5	32	922	1239	1190	246
Blue-winged Teal				1																											
Northern Shoveler		65	31	145	1		382	90		7	147		1		53			13			3									69	
Northern Pintail		12	11	7			529	9			1			8				4			7							5		1	
Green-winged Teal		23	17		1		70			2	2						2	16		14		2									
Canvasback	237			18			9501	31	1		8						7	1				106									
Redhead	2			19		13	20	2		437	4							5			2	2								20	
Ring-necked Duck	10	7		44			656	53			23							1	6	6	41	13							5	8	
Greater Scaup	2			10	1	87	3	36		729											1									1114	
Lesser Scaup	400			181	4	36	9320	646			5		7		23	1	9	5		2	8	419	250	3					145	62	
Surf Scoter				1																											
White-winged Scoter				1				2																							
Long-tailed Duck						2	1	1																							
Bufflehead	1	1		32	2	47	1080	40		6					1			6		2	4	1	3							51	
Common Goldeneye	1400	17	6	46	3	165	3769	81		319	75		3	3		4	20	9		6	295	228	2	5			30		71	269	
Barrow's Goldeneye										1																					
Hooded Merganser	2	20		55	7	27	9	3		21	14		12	19	77	1		60			36				2				12	47	1
Common Merganser	21			10		100	8	6		74	14		1	41	1		3	11			158	180					6		11	212	
Red-breasted Merganser				256	2	1048	1			366					1			9												193	
Ruddy Duck				2			512	37		2								3			1				1				5	5	
Ring-necked Pheasant	2		1					6	1		6	6		1		12			3		15	25			13	5		3	6		1
Wild Turkey	21							7	1			27	154			45	66			13	93	42	4	35	214	261			17		54
Northern Bobwhite																10					1		2						8		
Pied-billed Grebe		1	1	9	5	2	2	4		4				1	2	2		9			15	1	1						1	2	
Western Grebe				2																											
American White Pelican								200																							
Double-crested Cormorant				25	2		7	36		1	1			27	21			2			19	1								5	
Great Blue Heron		14	13	3	18		44	25	3	21	34	1	11	7	10	8	7	32	1	5	17	1	2	1	6	1	9	5	1	4	2
Great Egret																		1													
Black-crowned Night-Heron				4	13						1																				
Turkey Vulture																												1			
Mississippi Kite																														1	
Bald Eagle	91	1	2	2			81	115	1	1		4	41	54		6	40	5	5		12	510	17		43	10	37	2	47	4	24
Northern Harrier	2	3	5					1	1		9	2	7	6		2	5	1	1	5	24	8		1	3	1	7	17	3	12	5
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1			4	3		3	3	2	2	3		1	2		2	5	6	1			2			2	1	1	2	1	1	1
Cooper's Hawk	3	9	7	10	9	6	4	4	3	14	13		1	5	3	6	10	15	1	5	5	4		2	12	cw	3	12	1	7	7
Northern Goshawk											1						cw														
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	1	1	1	1		1	2																	cw						
Red-tailed Hawk	25	66	37	25	18	3	56	52	15	27	69	18	61	27	14	27	73	76	9	31	44	43	8	7	40	50	58	76	25	61	26
Rough-legged Hawk	3					1	2			7			5			2	4		6	1	2	6				cw	2	1	2	7	
Golden Eagle																		cw													1
American Kestrel	13	4	8	20	3	1	11	31	5	7	5	9	9	7	6	8	16	11	11	7	4	20	1	3	22	12	15	11	8	4	10
Merlin					4		1									1	1				1				1					1	
Peregrine Falcon				4	1	2	1	2			2											1						2		1	
American Coot	2			512	9	46	2020	104	6	50	176		276	6	35	14		36		6	107		1	3				5		62	
Sandhill Crane			1				79	2	cw		2					cw	6	5		116				100	38			4	13		
Killdeer		3		1	1			7			8		6	1			1	2			1				1						
Wilson's Snipe			1				1	2			4							1							2						
Bonaparte's Gull														1																	
Ring-billed Gull	47	235	1	777	292	1185	3151	5421	cw	381	300		20	826	174	60	43	344		299	544	143	68	17	1		314	12	130	535	49
Herring Gull	1	23		728	36	842	15	167		131	145		1	103	16	3	73	39	8	12	53	6	3	2	12		18		7	1226	1
Thayer's Gull					1	5		1		2				1							1									4	
Iceland Gull						1																									
Lesser Black-backed Gull						1											1													1	
Glaucous Gull				1																										2	
Great Black-backed Gull				7		1																									
Rock Pigeon	164	268	90	779	1200	8	171	1966	68	108	317	173	18	110	118	658	1374	452	52	278	54	94	7	13	656	55	390	381	502	86	390
Ringed Turtle-Dove															5																
Eurasian Collared-Dove	10			2	2		5						3		5		19		10		5	23				4	9		80		
Mourning Dove	227	218	300	226	192	1	14	1773	76	166	612	172	82	71	174	351	396	704	182	318	53	389	5	47	480	12	51	589	151	462	167
Monk Parakeet				56	11													1													
Barn Owl													4																		

Table 2. Count data for Northern Illinois (north of I-80) CBC 2012-2013, *(continued)*

Eastern Screech-Owl	11		4		3		4	3	5	12	21		2	1		5	9	25		1	3	15	5		3	cw			9	8	7
Great Horned Owl	14	6	7	3	2		8	4	6	11	21		19	3	2	5	4	21		6	4	13	5		4	cw	7	6	12	14	4
Snowy Owl																												cw			
Barred Owl	23		5				5	5	2		3	3	6	2		cw	2				1	19	3	2	7		5	4	2		4
Long-eared Owl			2			2					4											1					1	3			
Short-eared Owl																		2			5				3			2		1	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1										2						1	5			1		1					1	2	1	5
Rufous Hummingbird																	1														
Belted Kingfisher	1	9	11	3	9		8	15	6	7	16	2	2	2	2	3	11	22	1	4	6	1		cw	6	9		1	4	6	11
Red-headed Woodpecker	4		4	3			2	13		3	3		6			1	2	cw			1	4	3		6		3	20	1	10	11
Red-bellied Woodpecker	61	44	54	21	51	1	72	125	30	82	91	41	106	18	13	50	121	137	14	26	65	86	18	14	91	36	31	53	35	140	85
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3						1	4			1		1	2			3				1	1				3	1		1		
Downy Woodpecker	58	95	98	84	136	7	104	169	74	135	118	26	82	44	39	64	110	235	16	40	73	95	10	25	170	25	41	94	50	174	91
Hairy Woodpecker	17	17	13	11	49		49	44	6	41	42	8	24	9	8	14	47	82	3	7	13	30	5	3	43	4	6	14	12	48	30
Northern Flicker	9	17	8	1	1		12	21	8	4	10	2	19	4	1	18	24	12	6	3	13	10	4	2	15	1	4	3	9	8	17
Pileated Woodpecker	8						8	11					11			2	3	3				7		1	6	1	6		1		6
Eastern Phoebe											1																				
Loggerhead Shrike																						1									
Northern Shrike	1	2	1						1		4							3				2		1	3	cw			1	3	2
Blue Jay	77	27	55	43	16		120	169	34	46	77	66	61	28	11	75	182	180	24	31	31	147	11	17	173	88	30	105	153	125	113
American Crow	107	46	82	51	105	56	298	129	63	39	75	175	242	43	22	62	376	83	47	239	174	201	27	76	302	152	158	86	738	154	530
Horned Lark	19	7	32				44	15	150		18	48	34	8	2	37	360		197	16	8	163	87	87	50	cw	39	16	522		10
Northern Rough-winged Swallow																1															
Black-capped Chickadee	176	212	227	90	107	10	312	489	149	282	556	150	160	80	57	49	490	526	39	261	94	375	67	61	550	123	68	131	146	487	254
Tufted Titmouse	36		10	5			48	76	13	3	1	11	54	13	2	37	63	9	4	3	10	48	4	5	31	18	18	34			53
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	17	8	10	16			8	13	36	35	3	1	cw	7	8	11	32		10	3	4			9	cw	1	14	7	57	7
White-breasted Nuthatch	82	46	89	38	57	2	149	253	71	93	114	47	105	34	18	43	226	236	12	66	56	121	15	15	168	23	50	75	51	149	118
Brown Creeper	12	5	27	3	69		33	44	9	9	28		7	5	8	7	58	16			6	10	3	2	24	3	1		14	5	20
Carolina Wren	5		16	12	1		23	22	1	2	3		14	5	5	21	4	9			6	12	2		3		9	9	3	4	2
Winter Wren	1		3				2	8		1	1							2		1	1	2			1		1	1		1	cw
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	4	5				17	11			11					1	14	3		1	4	3		2	5		5		1	1	9
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							1						1												1						
Eastern Bluebird	64	15	13	3			48	63		1	42	14	45	7	2	3	74	48	14	8	9	41	1	4	10	21	16	2	18	16	72
Hermit Thrush	3	cw			1		6	3		1	4		1				3	3	1			5		1	1				7	1	
American Robin	156	280	15	34	193	15	53	234	2	900	585	37	358	47	132	17	56	698	26	16	137	116	4		18	11	49	29	243	696	83
Gray Catbird																	1														
Northern Mockingbird					1																							1			
Brown Thrasher			2								1							1													
European Starling	858	1093	2376	6291	1950	34	6001	15778	3118	1823		803	936	2032	784	5361	2201	2984	492	1108	1354	2007	576	554	2929	342	1117	1635	1779	820	1560
American Pipit				2																										5	
Bohemian Waxwing										1																					
Cedar Waxwing	11	50	146	3	1		158	343		317	228	33	22			5	135	607			8	23		25	35	132		2	8	8	391
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	27			33		7			30	31		2			2	1	53									4			31	18
Eastern Towhee								1			1							cw													
American Tree Sparrow	450	327	231	365	102	12	341	694	166	310	1039	235	841	408	118	637	1060	619	207	267	376	679	212	79	968	187	416	293	1200	1345	157
Chipping Sparrow																												5			
Field Sparrow				6									1			1									1			4			
Savannah Sparrow				1						6	5		3			cw	1		3			1									
Le Conte's Sparrow										2																					
Fox Sparrow		1	5	3	3		1			5	30		7	2	3	2	8	35		6	5				3	cw	1	8	2	13	
Song Sparrow	38	33	11	2	24		15	130	13	14	76	3	14	4	4	18	35	55	8	8	15	19	2	1	31	cw	9	9	15	24	10
Lincoln's Sparrow								2																							
Swamp Sparrow	3	16	4	5	3	5	13	5		9	28		10	1		1	1	24		5	12	3			18		1	10	1	4	3
White-throated Sparrow	26	3	13	4	28	3	25	37	1	12	82		38	10	9	25	16	86	8	4	12	3			2		15	4		21	3
White-crowned Sparrow	5	28	3	3	1			6	cw	1	6		16	15		16	3	9			20						6				
Dark-eyed	430	447	253	549	421	24	477	1032	360	450	1439	303	665	486	247	639	1960	1162	327	414	264	1300	285	174	957	274	343	515	683	1098	452
Lapland Longspur	2		60				4		357			20	127	300		139	31	1	31		56	7	161	1	2		295	128	829		
Snow Bunting						2	1		15	7		44	4	65		7	106	26	13		1	1	1		cw			70	170		1
Northern Cardinal	186	155	115	132	204	41	182	475	165	217	500	149	251	153	116	220	500	540	73	141	143	463	95	60	433	83	102	258	184	370	159
Red-winged Blackbird	200	290	445	15	14		2251	14333		5	214		1496	501		2	2	52		1	71	49	11				1750	36	43	4	6
Eastern Meadowlark								1					1						1		1	10								3	
Western Meadowlark																	1														
Rusty Blackbird			27					38		1	30					1						1			57			3	14		
Brewer's Blackbird																												2			
Common Grackle		3			1		2	5208		19	1		4	72	2		1				9	1	1500		cw		757	1	1	cw	
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	56	2	1			25	79			1		98	163		62	5	4			90	40	1	cw	38		138	10	5		5
Purple Finch	2			17			73	35	cw	7	3	1	2		6	15	1	25				37			17	1		1	22		6
House Finch	24	211	51	131	143	1	78	262	104	150	318	66	67	99	95	335	515	308	16	58	75	162	11	59	294	43	53	118	81	226	106
Red Crossbill					2						1											8		2	4						1
Common Redpoll	1			61	17	6		1	10	158			2				107	2								1	1	83	2	21	
Hoary Redpoll										1							1														
Pine Siskin	17	76	80	cw	3		51	204	79	118	165	17	6	17	33	8	159	274		18		24	5	6	101	9	16	71		55	117
American Goldfinch	49	178	128	332	217	3	150	264	152	239	389	69	75	68	100	141	359	818	42	217	40	134	16	39	321	164	42	141	76	313	100
Evening Grosbeak																												6			
House Sparrow	467	832	104	1152	1450	2	1285	1544	477	809	680	1135	880	239	160	1448	1756	827	815	272	203	1488	182	256	1093	208	455	487	657	1315	669
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	117						2	121					17						8			385	22						67		
Total	76	61	70	85	73	45	90	95	55	80	87	40	79	64	56	76	81	89	45	56	85	83	52	49	75	48	59	71	75	84	62

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Species Name	BLOM	BUSH	CHAM	CHAU	CHIL	CLLK	COCU	CRLK	DECA	EKNX	EMER	FGPR	MERE	MFRV	QUIN	RUSH	SPFD	WMER
Greater White-fronted Goose	104			18101		42		2782		1266			40	29			205	11
Snow Goose				11730			1	12860		4			6		5		11500	
Ross's Goose				8				26									3	
Cackling Goose	17	1		80		23		9		34	2			65			12	5
Canada Goose	671	166	488	10862	2425	469	625	2495	264	440	779	203	127	1162	586	1410	2348	1805
Mute Swan	4		1	117		2								2			6	
Trumpeter Swan			1	87				18					1		17			
Tundra Swan				87													cw	
Wood Duck			3	5	45	2							2		2		9	1
Gadwall	8			368	233	65	75	1264	3	38			110	14			112	7
American Wigeon			8	8		9	1	3					2				11	
American Black Duck	2			15		1							4	10			8	4
Mallard	337		294	19641	5301	562	127	6298	100	71	32	10	1381	278	336	5	2335	366
Blue-winged Teal				14											12			
Northern Shoveler	18		9	72	10	94	43	1143		2			254	cw	2		182	
Northern Pintail				146	1		cw	2163					2		2		34	
Green-winged Teal			4	8		6	2	6034	13				81	cw	3		4	
Canvasback				98	229		2						12				346	
Redhead				1			1	1					1				6	
Ring-necked Duck	3		1	18	35	2	18	408					37	21	5		135	
Greater Scaup							cw	3									6	
Lesser Scaup				257	73	3	83	2128					64	2	7		179	
Bufflehead				26	15	13	4	12					66	3			4	
Common Goldeneye				40	222	20	cw	3	4				1	6			236	112
Hooded Merganser				18	3	68	cw	8	6	1			4				35	
Common Merganser	2			61	25		4						6				9	156
Red-breasted Merganser						2											3	
Ruddy Duck	5			119	732		2	135	18				cw				367	
Ring-necked Pheasant	3		15	6		6	10			3	14	2	1					19
Wild Turkey	43			40	32		4	101	11		50	21	7	22	19	2	8	100
Northern Bobwhite		19			1		7						30				16	10
Common Loon						5												
Pied-billed Grebe	8		2	11		28	28		1			4	1	6			36	
Horned Grebe			1	1		19	1										9	
American White Pelican				2	2													1
Double-crested Cormorant				3		5									3		cw	2
Great Blue Heron	5	2	8	80	7	28	15	14	9	7		3	48	1	19	2	35	20
Turkey Vulture							68		6			3			7			
Bald Eagle	5	6	3	173	66	7	3	22	1	10	3	9	52	11	25	7	6	338
Northern Harrier			4	20	14	8	10	6		7	2	1	20	2	3		1	10
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1		5	4	3		3		1	2		1	2	4	1	1	4
Cooper's Hawk	1	cw	8	1	6	3	6	5	2	5	1	3	5	3	4		26	2
Red-shouldered Hawk			1	1		1	1		2	1	1	2	1	3			1	
Red-tailed Hawk	16	23	23	57	76	36	46	21	4	45	50	34	36	42	31	7	31	49
Rough-legged Hawk		6		3	7	1	1			4	2	1		3	3		1	7
American Kestrel	9		11	9	22	19	11	22	3	18	19	20	48	12	44	5	19	23
Merlin					1	1												
Peregrine Falcon			1												1			
Prairie Falcon			1															
American Coot	1			1309	14	471	74	230	7								87	
Sandhill Crane				1	cw									2				
Killdeer					3	4	1						37	1	6		cw	
Least Sandpiper																	cw	
Wilson's Snipe				5	2			17					20		17		1	
Bonaparte's Gull	1			9		122	26	25	4				3	1			152	
Ring-billed Gull	9			201	78	11540	48	193	803				193	140	54		3970	48
Herring Gull				1	4	3		1	60				1		1		55	4
Lesser Black-backed Gull																	cw	
Rock Pigeon	105	81	191	11	203	19	31	6	38	87	20	169	109	163	68		602	62
Eurasian Collared-Dove	2	14		67	10	14	5	14		59	2	1	12		12	4	2	4
Mourning Dove	32	854	91	93	108	72	228	56	5	33	263	190	224	202	128	39	512	595
Barn Owl					1													
Eastern Screech-Owl		3	3	2	9					1	4	9	7	18			3	8
Great Horned Owl	2	7	4	6	4	5	2			9	12	6	5	4	2		7	9
Barred Owl	1	1	1	4	6	9	4	3		19	15	6	4	8	2	3	5	27
Long-eared Owl										1	1	2		1				2
Short-eared Owl										2		1	1					
Northern Saw-whet Owl						1				1	1	1		3				1
Belted Kingfisher	3	2	8	8	5	6	5		1	2	1	9	3	12	4	1	5	2
Red-headed Woodpecker	1			3	5	1	37	3	2	8	9	2	5	2	3	1	11	6
Red-bellied Woodpecker	20	50	35	95	115	30	71	60	12	52	63	54	93	41	66	19	109	79
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1	2	5	4		2	2	2	1	1		14	1	2		10	3
Downy Woodpecker	10	44	17	26	86	25	51	36	21	61	59	50	75	51	91	31	103	73
Hairy Woodpecker	4	9	3	6	11	14	1	3	3	20	14	10	8	7	24	9	11	21
Northern Flicker	2	5	29	32	21	15	29	26	1	15	15	19	46	10	20	4	43	24
Pileated Woodpecker		2	1	8	19		4	7	3	15		22	12	14	7	1	6	10
Eastern Phoebe				1				1										
Northern Shrike					1			1		2								1
Blue Jay	30	125	18	84	89	103	111	62	30	108	91	210	152	134	99	28	131	125
American Crow	506	192	1328	181	811	238	656	21	30	354	203	13139	72	121500	87	17	2350	112
Horned Lark	16	373	11	12	169	2	185	24		25	73	2	41	131	86	25	9	127
Carolina Chickadee			34				84					163		52				
Black-capped Chickadee	67	131	8	106	281	85		74	32	174	152		175		122	46	164	189
Tufted Titmouse	9	48	41	63	111	40	112	37	19	44	19	159	94	75	97	45	283	34
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3		6	12	2	1	6		3	1		1	2	3	14		22	3
White-breasted Nuthatch	10	105	4	21	126	42	130	43	15	106	80	114	94	54	82	34	124	86

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Brown Creeper		5	12	1	3	3	2			8	12	2	10	4	1	1	21	10
Carolina Wren	8		23	7	10	14	19	13	2	15	4	36	40	12	20	3	57	8
House Wren			3		1										1			
Winter Wren	1							2		cw		2						4
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1		2	8		5		3	1		15	7	4	7	1		1	3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				2		1	1	2	1				7	2				
Eastern Bluebird	35	20	13	8	85	4	67	21	1	51	51	60	71	90	49	3	27	14
Hermit Thrush	1	2		2	2		1	1			3		7	2			3	5
American Robin	98	10	638	368	544	36	70	816	186	26	50	29	4684	76	321	7	2532	137
Northern Mockingbird		1		4	1	1	1	4			4		7				1	
Brown Thrasher															1		2	
European Starling	1718	303	949	17865	2391	200	1327	350	382	1286	1484	817	532	1266	1495	42	4062	793
American Pipit														1				
Cedar Waxwing	35	1	16	97	6	39	90	78	7	12	18	8	217	29	245		45	35
Orange-crowned Warbler						1												
Yellow-rumped Warbler		1		9	6				2	1		1	11	9	2		1	10
Pine Warbler																		
Spotted Towhee													1					
Eastern Towhee					cw		cw						1		1			
American Tree Sparrow	200	116		3857	880	85	436	337	11	464	264	68	692	630	89	23	300	1193
Chipping Sparrow															18			
Field Sparrow									1				13			3		
Savannah Sparrow			2	5	9			12	5	cw			15		1		1	2
Le Conte's Sparrow						1							8					
Fox Sparrow	3		3	9	3	5	6	15		4			69	3	7		14	1
Song Sparrow	9	21	23	16	44	19	37	86	13	31	20	21	305	47	20		28	48
Lincoln's Sparrow															1			
Swamp Sparrow	6	1	3	3	14	34	6	45	5	9	3	9	24	12	2		8	24
White-throated Sparrow	30	1	23	44	59	41	27	41	20	43	17	2	323	71	73	2	85	3
Harris's Sparrow													1					
White-crowned Sparrow		2	80	8	3		14	20		23	6	1	104	14	10		cw	43
Dark-eyed	51	384	158	1531	931	118	429	221	118	316	465	342	245	388	436	146	458	1040
Lapland Longspur		27		1	31		300			7	2		2	364				15
Snow Bunting		3									1			25				
Northern Cardinal	101	189	92	289	309	109	206	101	33	171	243	167	249	190	233	103	299	402
Red-winged Blackbird		31	5	16385	869	51		532		27	1		1262	1	40		500	166
Eastern Meadowlark							8			2		1	16		26			3
Western Meadowlark											1							
Rusty Blackbird				341			3	3					56				2	5
Brewer's Blackbird				6		1												
Common Grackle		1	cw	37681		3	24	1563		22			828	6	15		30	1
Brown-headed Cowbird		25		3996	117		13	2	2	55	105		2	4		1	34	
Purple Finch			15	41	7	8	6			10	6	8	12	7	29	20	15	4
House Finch	3	119	88	54	142	39	17	2	22	41	32	68	17	71	92	19	141	55
Red Crossbill				20													11	
White-winged Crossbill																	19	
Common Redpoll		5				3				2			11					
Pine Siskin		2	75			234				54		7	2	14	15		9	3
American Goldfinch	21	64	121	141	98	49	105	66	55	81	160	158	299	112	222	256	140	161
House Sparrow	93	676	263	399	1313	463	1451	133	52	532	1149	195	178	473	604	84	1221	1637
Eurasian Tree Sparrow		162		882				247		161	491		59		14	15	10	1299
Total	**58**	**54**	**64**	**101**	**82**	**83**	**83**	**79**	**56**	**72**	**60**	**59**	**98**	**79**	**78**	**40**	**101**	**78**

Northern Saw-whet Owl found on the Clinton Lake CBC, DeWitt County. 16 December 2012. Photo by Rob Kanter.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet found at Kickapoo State Park, on the Middle Fork River Valley CBC, Vermilion County. 1 January 2013. Photo by Mike Ward.

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Species Name	BALK	BIRD	CALK	COLL	CROR	CYCR	ELSA	HSLK	JACK	MRLK	MMWR	MONR	NEWT	PEMR	RDLK	SHEL	UNION	WRBV
Greater White-fronted Goose	113	cw	388		68	3275	1	12000	2	134		8	322	983	850	46	3000	
Snow Goose	10017	cw	238217		1560	14728		25000	1489	715		1	2	10026	5731	180	9000	
Ross's Goose			11		2			10						100	2	1	6	
Cackling Goose			3			2		115					3	7	5	33	3	
Canada Goose	204	167	598	500	254	83	417	1200	726	99	31	79	386	1872	57	1456	650	15
Mute Swan			1	1												4		
Trumpeter Swan			cw					14									79	
Tundra Swan			cw															
Wood Duck	1		1	1		150		12		10	2	2		1	2		11	
Gadwall	80	13	54	2182	392	422		260	312	5	2	3	85	3625	59	34	1100	
American Wigeon	5	10	12	2	3	95		14		15				111	10	5	10	
American Black Duck	2	4	cw	1	6			55					49	1	8	15	28	
Mallard	712	521	4227	518	1808	14224	37	12000	66	135	54	132	894	9766	894	4141	10000	57
Blue-winged Teal														2				
Northern Shoveler	47	271	421	1126	463	347	4	500	38	62		30	7	3455	160	7	300	
Northern Pintail	40	1	91	87	46	87		85		40	1	13	13	406	122	6	60	
Green-winged Teal	30	4	7	56	58	261		260	1	60			400	421	505		50	
Canvasback		1	11	cw		15	203	17	cw						34	67	23	
Redhead	3	cw	10		1	15									4	3	7	
Ring-necked Duck	233	101	4	cw	273	534		230	176	300				7110	104	3	250	
Greater Scaup		6	cw															
Lesser Scaup	68	148	775	31	83	6		12	7	85			1	1120	249	180	54	
Bufflehead	23	16	82	6	6						2	2	27	2	13	2	4	
Common Goldeneye	10		43	3			55		2					7	19	228		
Hooded Merganser	11	120	27	1	38	30	6	36	5	18			14		32	4	37	4
Common Merganser									1		1					12		
Red-breasted Merganser	1	1	11		2									2	3	2		
Ruddy Duck		50	10	408	147			9	37			25		215	208	12	4	
Ring-necked Pheasant			1												8	33		
Greater Prairie-Chicken													28					
Wild Turkey		70	1	40	1	59		2		61	12	29	3		120	34	10	
Northern Bobwhite			12			22					8	2	20					
Common Loon			1												6	1		
Pied-billed Grebe	55	61	77	11	149	5	1	5	77	47		5	3	2	137	9	1	1
Horned Grebe	26	cw	cw		67										8	1		
Eared Grebe			cw															
American White Pelican	2		202	cw								13		2				
Double-crested Cormorant	1		17	5	1					1					4993			
Great Blue Heron	41	10		6	83	24	9	28	21	27	5	14	14	19	75	12	43	1
Black Vulture					2	57		9	11	73	10	4					4	58
Turkey Vulture	3	2	14	2	5	152		35	13	106	32	72	12	5			41	131
Bald Eagle	8	2	32	2	5	14	50	30	9	10	22	7	9	52	11	23	73	3
Northern Harrier	8	5	57	1	1	32	1	10	6	19	8	12	59	7	3	6	38	5
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	2		3	1			1	2	2	1	1	1		1	2	2	1
Cooper's Hawk			4	8		2		3	2	2	2	3	3		5	3	5	
Red-shouldered Hawk	4	1	8	2	16	49	1	60	21	32	6	7	7	1	10	3	17	11
Red-tailed Hawk	24	9	63	24	10	48	71	50	37	52	55	29	32	40	24	17	57	16
Rough-legged Hawk						1					2			1		1	1	
American Kestrel	38	36	35	27	5	50	7	45	16	45	25	24	36	18	9	13	19	26
Merlin			cw	1				1					1			1		
American Coot	70	400	193	585	175	41		78	40	152		581		7235	121	95	33	
Sandhill Crane																	2	
Killdeer	54	16	198	61	5	15		97	14	124		2	150	2	27		84	2
Spotted Sandpiper										2								
Lesser Yellowlegs								1							1			
Least Sandpiper										3			10		54			
Dunlin													3		4		2	
dowitcher sp.										1								
Wilson's Snipe								63		29			1	5	129		4	
American Woodcock					5													
Bonaparte's Gull	190	10	3310	cw	1620						6		27		3121	23		22
Ring-billed Gull	737	3	64399	1308	1320	4	43		174	57	78	35	18	33	6560	417	9	29
Herring Gull	12	1	416	4	3		4			4		1		10	21	5		
Thayer's Gull			cw	cw														
Lesser Black-backed Gull			cw															
Rock Pigeon	50	9	43	269	9	37	1	120	117	155	40	16	224		88	35	34	27
Eurasian Collared-Dove	3	1	2			16		5	1	1		22	13	5	14	5	6	
Mourning Dove	99	316	166	181	175	188	29	796	295	266	157	51	140	140	202	186	520	160
Barn Owl											1							
Eastern Screech-Owl	1			4		2		13	10	2			2		1	4	6	
Great Horned Owl	cw	1	1		14	3	5	9	5	2		2	3	1	2	5	8	
Barred Owl	2	2	3	1	7	15	9	13	9	7		3	2	2	4	10	26	1
Long-eared Owl					2													
Short-eared Owl	1		5			7					2		8			3		
Northern Saw-whet Owl					9										1	1		
Belted Kingfisher	3		3	3	5	6	1	11	6	8	1	3	2	2	2	3	8	8
Red-headed Woodpecker	14	10	26	8	13	347	58	42	127	59	15	5	18	30	8	1	210	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	34	35	66	37	91	159	31	220	105	116	61	18	54	65	50	31	192	37
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	cw	2	3		13	46	4	60	16	41	17	2		2	5		99	1
Downy Woodpecker	33	39	45	25	59	107	19	201	49	98	47	30	30	18	48	26	147	9
Hairy Woodpecker	8	5	12	cw	14	37	6	41	12	26	7	8	3	6	18	9	36	2
Northern Flicker	21	18	50	24	56	159	7	178	66	99	50	9	60	22	45	21	155	27
Pileated Woodpecker	10	1	1	1	28	47	6	62	17	43	14	4	6	7	1	1	64	8
Eastern Phoebe			1		3	7		11	2	13							13	2
Loggerhead Shrike	1	2								2			1	1				1
Northern Shrike																	1	

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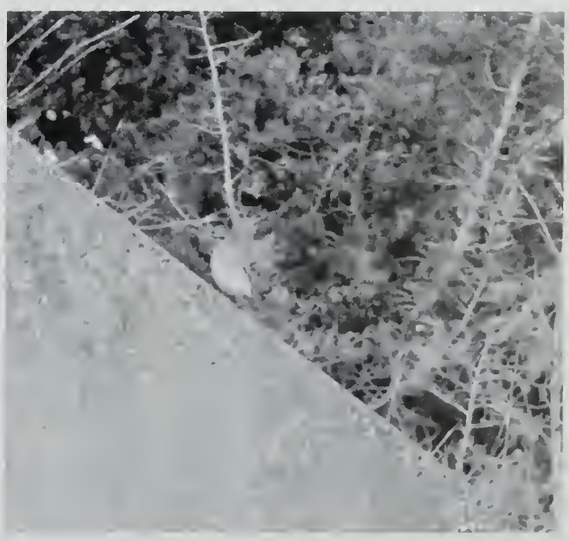
Species Name	BALK	BIRD	CALK	COLL	CROR	CYCR	ELSA	HSLK	JACK	MRLK	MMWR	MONR	NEWT	PEMR	RDLK	SHEL	UNION	WRBV
Blue Jay	108	106	169	67	113	315	136	575	355	260	173	51	145	104	84	89	285	123
American Crow	57	43	173	279	103	432	148	1807	77	40	180	66	95	48	252	91	174	66
Horned Lark	56	84	359	44	3	124	1	914	572	2891	605	73	199	19	90	198	2200	1
Northern Rough-winged Swallow																		
Carolina Chickadee	76	100	122	54	92	235		264	94	132	33	65	67		101		260	39
Black-capped Chickadee							62							61		104		
Tufted Titmouse	49	65	83	22	57	320	68	253	91	180	49	59	64	34	84	64	219	39
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3	10	1	3	8	3		7	7	7	1	2	2		1		2	
White-breasted Nuthatch	28	28	36	8	20	95	42	97	47	79	14	24	31	26	26	46	132	16
Brown Creeper	9	10	2	1	10	38	2	32	5	33	1		2		6	2	46	
Carolina Wren	16	20	23	24	146	151	19	283	80	127	36	25	18	14	63	13	173	24
House Wren				1										1				
Winter Wren			1	1	12	31	1	23	5	26	1		2		2		19	
Sedge Wren					1													
Marsh Wren													1					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	5	1	7	1	26	32	1	26	12	29	1		1		19	3	34	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2				16	30		48	2	9			1		2	1	14	2
Eastern Bluebird	94	54	32	34	70	212	24	246	77	152	78	34	107	64	60	31	217	89
Hermit Thrush	1		1		18	8	2	121	25	10	4	2	1		3		64	
American Robin	647	112	401	1036	575	1216	176	3000	1300	462	821	127	123	1314	649	67	14000	164
Gray Catbird						2												
Northern Mockingbird	8	13	10	11	16	24	9	32	29	63	17	9	2	7	7		16	10
Brown Thrasher					25	5		53	4	11	2						19	
European Starling	654	3306	4126	2557	2498	67987	4298	4000	8801	9788	1298	231	4920	639	2107	917	15000	193
American Pipit								3		11		4					15	
Cedar Waxwing	91	151	250	14	198	277	2	201	238	213	311	60	42	46	646		233	162
Orange-crowned Warbler								1							1			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	9			1	30	41		266	32	121	48	14			1		125	23
Pine Warbler					2	2												
Spotted Towhee																	1	
Eastern Towhee	3	1	1	1	73	23	2	70	19	72	9	3	11		4		14	8
American Tree Sparrow	43	2	119	11	35	125	23	57	59	115	32	21	255	26	7	682	41	2
Chipping Sparrow								2		24							17	
Field Sparrow	2		12	2	7	32		20	47	35	24	4	3		4	5	62	4
Vesper Sparrow								6	1				1				2	
Savannah Sparrow	4	cw	2	cw	17	42		104	18	78	191	16	3		11		146	
Le Conte's Sparrow	cw					3		7					2		1			
Fox Sparrow	16	1	21	7	19	8		192	67	28	16	1	14	8	6	32	96	4
Song Sparrow	11	7	77	15	143	269	8	457	84	375	119	13	91	37	54	20	313	16
Lincoln's Sparrow						3		1		1						1		
Swamp Sparrow	17		42	7	100	171	5	157	33	104	51	5	9	7	55	18	195	2
White-throated Sparrow	147	6	127	166	225	326	84	1294	676	810	168	35	145	183	80	116	1149	51
Harris's Sparrow			1														1	
White-crowned Sparrow	35	1	58	8	12	92	5	106	111	141	122	46	20	14	12	2	134	7
Dark-eyed	86	125	497	134	253	351	84	2242	1576	1257	970	76	319	154	307	392	2067	326
Lapland Longspur	cw	31	260					250	59	66	134	3	14		41	6	970	
Northern Cardinal	92	109	180	94	216	209	129	828	378	425	208	84	154	96	131	191	512	124
Red-winged Blackbird	337	606	5144	4034	27596	127417	262	2000	1857	38424	7145	122	5182	545	7806		3000	1767
Eastern Meadowlark	cw	10	29		17	317	1	308	120	190	141	3	51	3	2	7	200	8
Western Meadowlark								7		1							2	
Rusty Blackbird	cw	444	56	3	181	314	10	233	35	15	1	7	2	1	7		117	
Brewer's Blackbird	cw		cw			32				1								
Common Grackle	96	210	87	865	51758	115010	102	8000	2338	75228	2096	18	2287	585	712	1	2400	10156
Brown-headed Cowbird	10	71	103	2262	3335	5113	5	420	707	134	184	3	7528	22	995	1	132	25
Purple Finch	8		25	1	4		3	12	13	16	5	42	3		7	7	27	6
House Finch	46	141	117	20	21	21	70	79	82	221	6	70	183	17	34	18	71	
Pine Siskin	5				14		2	18	2	25	2	10	33		2		5	
American Goldfinch	168	136	795	128	100	267	194	349	210	358	84	11473	315	102	318	153	560	63
House Sparrow	37	242	497	147	21	52	259	350	319	112	401		168	299	127	342	322	7
Eurasian Tree Sparrow			2	1			44							108		1		
Total	**86**	**76**	**96**	**79**	**95**	**92**	**63**	**100**	**85**	**97**	**75**	**78**	**91**	**78**	**103**	**88**	**104**	**59**

Red-tailed Hawk, dark/rufous morph, "Western" subspecies. Vermilion County. 8 January 2013. Photo by Bob Schifo.

Occasionally found with the more common "Eastern" subspecies on Illinois CBCs.



Mountain Bluebird, found at the Lost Mound National Wildlife Refuge CBC, JoDaviess County, often around old concrete ammo bunkers. 23 February 2013. Photo by Nathan Goldberg.

Field Notes:

The 2012-2013 Winter Season

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Illustration of a Spotted Towhee by Frank Bennett.

During the 2012-2013 winter season in Illinois, temperatures fluctuated substantially and periodically, ranging from considerably above to well below normal. The majority of this season experienced warmer than usual temperatures, although not as extreme as the previous season. The state also experienced above normal precipitation.

Temperatures in December ranged from considerably above to slightly below normal, with most of the month being warmer than usual. January temperatures ranged from well above to well below normal with the majority of the month experiencing warmer than usual temperatures. The most active weather month was February with temperatures fluctuating from moderately above to moderately below normal and much of the month experiencing near normal temperatures.

Overall, 25 notable storms traveled across Illinois during the winter of 2012-2013. These frequent storms produced rain, freezing rain, sleet, and/or snow depending on the current temperatures.

Six winter storms moved through the state in December after the winter began late on 9 December with a storm that produced light snow and freezing rain across the northern tier of counties, light to moderate rain in the remaining northern 2/3 of the state, and moderate rain and severe thunderstorms over the southern 1/3. A major storm hit on 20 December producing considerable rainfall (1-2 inches) across the entire state followed by heavy, wet snow which accumulated to 4-10 inches over the northern 1/3 of Illinois, 1-4 inches through the central region, and light snowfall over the southern 1/3 of the state. The backside of this storm was accompanied by 40-60 mph winds, which created blizzard conditions and wind chills of -10 to -15 degrees. The southern portion of Illinois experienced a second major storm on 25-26 December, which produced 3-18 inches of snow.

There were eight winter storms in January, with small to moderate amounts of rain, freezing rain and snow. A storm on 20 January that included 25-35 mph winds resulted in bitterly cold wind chills of -15 to -20 degrees. The month ended with a very slow moving storm on 29-31 January the first half of which produced light to heavy rainfall and scattered thunderstorms statewide, changing to 1-4 inches of snow throughout the state on 31 January. This storm was accompanied by strong winds (20-40 mph), with created wind chills of -10 to -30 degrees.

In February, 11 storms impacted the state, the worst of which traveled through the entire state on 18-19 February producing moderate to heavy rainfalls and some snow to the north. This storm was ushered through by 25-35 mph winds, resulting in wind chills of -5 to -15 degrees.

The avian community observed this winter was diverse with 185 species identified throughout the state (plus four introduced/or exotic escapees). Most of the expected wintering birds were present as was a noteworthy variety of lingering migrant, semi-hardy species. However, a few uncommon to rare species that are often usually detected during the winter period such as Harlequin Duck, Sora and Virginia Rail, Purple Sandpiper, Indigo Bunting and Dickcissel were not located this winter. Many of the birds typically present only in the southern region of the state were present as usual. A considerable number of uncommon and accidental species were documented throughout the state. As usual, by mid-Feb or sooner, there were signs of early spring migration, including several species of waterfowl, cranes, Killdeer, American Woodcock, blackbirds and other species.

There were 10 exceptional species this winter season (California Gull, Gyrfalcon, Prairie Falcon, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Bewick's Wren, Mountain Bluebird, Varied Thrush, Bohemian Waxwing, Smith's Longspur and Hoary Redpoll), which require review by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC). Several other rare winter visitors were also observed. Among these, were American Avocet, Spotted Sandpiper, Lesser Yellowlegs, Forster's Tern, Barn Owl, Swainson's Thrush, Northern Waterthrush, and Palm Warbler.

Waterfowl to Vultures

Increased numbers of wintering geese continue to grow in Illinois at several statewide locations, with an increasingly large percentage of the birds being composed of Snow, Ross's and Greater White-fronted Geese as opposed to the once much more common Canada Goose. As this seasons counts show, flocks of Snow Geese in the tens of thousands or more and flocks of White-fronted Geese numbering in the hundreds or thousands are not uncommon, with increasing numbers of flocks (instead of single birds) of Ross's Geese no longer the exception. This year, two Barnacle Geese (at least one unbanded) were also sighted, both in with Cackling, Greater White-fronted, and/or Ross's Geese mixed flocks. These species also nest in the far northeastern Canadian provinces where truly wild, native Barnacle Goose nesting populations can be found. How long will it be before one of these birds is considered a legitimate new species on the official list of Illinois birds? With the increase in the re-introduced, north-central U.S. breeding population of Trumpeter Swans, Illinois is becoming a major part of the species' developing migratory flyway. The state also has a substantial number of wintering birds in southern Illinois. All three species of swan were widespread in good numbers statewide. A male Barrow's Goldeneye was encountered/returned for the second consecutive year to the same location at the Skokie Lagoons in Cook County (same bird?). This was also the fifth consecutive

winter for at least one record of this species, after very few winter records of the species in the previous 25 years.

Populations of Northern Bobwhite and Ring-necked Pheasant continue to decline throughout the state while Wild Turkey has become the common gallinaceous species. Only small numbers of Greater Prairie-Chickens were tallied at the Prairie Ridge State Natural Area after last spring's disasterous hailstorm during the nesting season. However beginning in the spring of 2014, a three-year translocation project bringing 300 prairie-chickens from Kansas populations of the species, with an even sex-number of 100 birds will bring new birds to Illinois each year. This will hopefully bring about growing numbers to the species which has slipped to between 60-70 birds.

Overall, a variety of waterbird species were found this winter including a number of Red-throated Loons which have begun wintering in small numbers on Lake Michigan the last few years. A Western Grebe and several winter-season records for Red-necked Grebe were especially noteworthy for the season. Large numbers of Pied-billed Grebes remained well into the winter season, mostly in southern Illinois, as did Horned Grebes at a few locations. Small, localized flocks of American White Pelicans are beginning to take root in several areas, and large flocks are beginning to regularly arrive by the end of the winter season in some areas, forming a new, but increasingly regular phenology of this once rare migrant in Illinois.

Diurnal Raptors to Terns

It is worth noting that over the past several years, the number of wintering Bald Eagles recorded in Illinois has been substantially reduced as compared with numbers in the recent past. Almost as if in response to their removal from the Illinois Threatened Species list recently, Red-shouldered Hawks seem to have become much more frequently encountered than in previous years. One or more Prairie Falcons have wintered in East-Central Illinois in each of the last two seasons. It would be interesting to know if these involve some of the same individuals returning to winter here. The incidence of wintering Merlins continues to grow, especially in central and northern Illinois. Both the incidence in utizing urban/suburban wintering and breeding habitat reflects similar increases/changes in other areas of this species range (Warkentin et al. 2005). Many of the birds in Illinois also choose conifer-laden cemeteries as their favored roosting and hunting locations.

As the numbers of this winter's American Coot encounters demonstrate, this species, which was once considered an uncommon wintering species, especially in northern Illinois (Bohlen 1989), have been on the increase in Illinois, as an over-wintering bird for several years, likely due to global climate change. This is also likely the case for Sandhill Cranes, for which it is now not uncommon to see numbers of this species coming into, leaving or even on the ground during any month of the winter season in their core northeastern Illinois range.

A total of eight shorebird species lingered within the state this season, with American Avocets likely the most uncommon.

The Forster's Tern also seems to be forming the regular habitat of becoming a late straggler on downstate reservoirs into the early portion of the winter season.

Pigeons to Kinglets

Eurasian Collared-Doves continue a steady increase in low numbers throughout Illinois, though they continue to avoid most of the urban/suburban areas of the Greater Chicagoland area in northeastern Illinois. This is likely due to their very noticeable preference for towns with grain elevators that are lacking there, with spilled grain likely the reason that they can make it possible to make it through an Illinois winter. Such elevators/silos can be found in many/most towns outside the greater Chicago area. A moderate flight of seven Snowy Owls reached south into Central Illinois this winter. Three Rufous Hummingbirds were observed in Illinois this winter, all three of which were captured and banded by Vern Kleen. Though only found in very small numbers, this species has become a regular part of Illinois' winter avifauna.

There were good wintering numbers of Red-headed Woodpeckers in southern Illinois, with fair numbers north into central and even northern Illinois, indicating an average to better-than-average acorn crop that must have been present after this past summer. There were also larger-than-average wintering populations of both Northern Flicker and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker as well. More than usual Pileated Woodpecker detections seem to presage a possible increase of the species' current very low population density in the greater Chicagoland area.

It was an average to somewhat above average wintering season for Northern Shrikes in Illinois, with even a few detected as far south as central Illinois and a likely record far southerly occurrence, that was well seen and documented near the southern tip of the state.

A single Northern Rough-winged Swallow lingered record late into the winter again (and was photographed), at the Kankakee Metro Sewage Plant for the second winter in a row, likely the same individual.

One of the first winter records of Bewick's Wren since the mid-1980s was detected by possibly Illinois's most experienced birder/ornithologist familiar with the species, for a first winter record for that county. Ruby-crowned Kinglets were detected in above-average numbers north of their normal far-southern Illinois wintering range in Illinois, while it was a down year in the wintering Golden-crowned Kinglet population outside of far southern Illinois.

Thrushes to Cardinals

A Mountain Bluebird wintered for the second consecutive winter after few, if any other actual overwintering records for this species having been previously found in Illinois. While virtually regular in Illinois as a rare wintering species, a distinctly heard (usually silent), calling Varied Thrush was well described, while another male bird was especially easy to find and view, and was seen and photographed the entire winter by dozens of happy Illinois birders.

Considering Bohlen (1989) having stated for American Pipit that "there are few if any true winter records" just 25 years ago, this species also seems to be wintering/lingering much farther north than their historic wintering range shows. The statewide distribution and numbers of birds detected in Illinois this winter, already have many Illinois birders considering a December or early January encounter with this species a rather routine occurrence, when formerly such encounters would have been a rather shocking and very exciting experience not so long ago.

After only one previously documented winter record for the winter-season in Illinois (despite what many published range maps show), yet another individual Smith's Longspur was very well documented with an excellent photograph, for the third winter record in the last five years. All but one record has come from east sentral Illinois or the prairie chicken refuges in the southeastern portion of the state.

An amazing total of seven warbler species were located in Illinois this winter, with the most noteworthy probably the Northern Waterthrush. However, an Ovenbird lingered into at least mid-January at a Chicagoland location for the fifth winter-season record of this species in the past seven years.

Blackbirds to Weaver Finches

This winter, Illinois experienced another rather large invasion of winter finches, only four years after the even larger 2008/2009 invasion of crossbills, redpolls, and Pine Siskins. At least three Hoary Redpolls were present at the Chicago Botanic Garden, and singles were seen in at least four other northern Illinois locations. Red Crossbills were especially common immediately preceding the winter season, but although many passed on through the state, enough remained and were joined by small flocks of White-winged Crossbills later to keep it an interesting winter season for birders. The presence of four singleton Evening Grosbeaks including two very cooperative individuals, as well as a couple of almost equally cooperative rare northern visitors in the form of Bohemian Waxwings had the birding community more active and excited than normal, during a snowy, Illinois winter.

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Abbreviations:

*	= Observation documented	Crk	= Creek	R	= River
**	= Specimen record	D	= Dam	RA	= Recreation Area
<	= Late fall departure	FP	= Forest Preserve	Res	= Reservoir
>	= Early spring arrival	GC	= Golf Course	SF	= State Forest
♀	= Female	H	= Harbor	SFWA	= State Fish & Wildlife Area
♂	= Male	I	= Island	SHS	= State Historic Site
1st	= First winter plumage	imm	= Immature	Sl	= Slough
2nd	= Second winter plumage	incl	= including	SNA	= State Natural Area
3rd	= Third winter plumage	ind(s)	= individual(s)	So.	= South
4th	= Fourth winter plumage	L	= Lake	SP	= State Park
ad	= Adult	M	= Marsh	SWA	= State Wildlife Area
alt	= alternate/breeding plumage	MC	= Maximum Count	Tr	= Trail
Apt	= Airport	m.ob.	= Many observers	U	= University
Arb	= Arboretum	No.	= North	unk	= Unknown (age/sex)
Aud	= Audubon	NP	= Nature Preserve	vid	= video
B	= Beach	NWR	= National Wildlife Refuge	vr	= voice recording
basic	= basic/non-breeding plumage	ph(s)	= photo(s)	WA	= Wildlife/Waterfowl Area
CA	= Conservation Area	Pk	= Park	Wds	= Woods
CBC	= Christmas Bird Count	plum	= plumage	WMA	= Wildlife Management Area
Cem	= Cemetery	Pr	= Preserve	WS	= Wildlife Sanctuary
Co(s)	= County(ies)	Pra	= Prairie		

Observation Locations:

AndaSl	= Andalusia Slough Recreation Area (Rock Island Co)	Fermi	= Fermilab (DuPage Co)
Ark	= Arklands Reclamation Area/Pyramid State Park (Perry and Randolph Cos)	Forestry	= University of Illinois Forestry plantation, Urbana (Champaign Co)
BaileyWet	= Bailey Wetland (Richland and Wayne Cos)	FtMSP	= Fort Massac State Park (Massac Co)
BaldwinL	= Baldwin Lake (Randolph and St. Clair Cos)	Gillson	= Gillson Park, Wilmette (Cook Co)
BannerM	= Banner Marsh State Fish & Wildlife Area (Fulton & Peoria Cos)	GLPSNA	= Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)
Bartel	= Bartel Grassland (Cook Co)	GreeneVal	= Greene Valley Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
BeallWds	= Beall Woods State Park (Wabash Co)	GreenR	= Green River State Wildlife Area (Lee Co)
CarlL	= Carlyle Lake and vicinity (Clinton and Fayette Cos)	Guzy Pra	= Guzy Prairie Pothole Wetlands (Shelby Co)
CarlL-C	= Carlyle Lake and vicinity (Clinton Co)	HeideckeL	= Heidecke Lake State Fish &Wildlife Area (Grundy Co)
CarlL-F	= Carlyle Lake and vicinity (Fayette Co)	HennepinL	= Hennepin-Hopper Lake/Dixon Waterfowl Refuge (Putnam Co)
CBG	= Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)	HL	= Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
Chann	= Channahon Widewaters, Des Plaines River (Will Co)	HLCA	= Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
Chau	= Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)	IBSP	= Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
Chi	= Chicago (Cook Co)	Jarvis	= Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
ClintonL	= Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)	JEPC	= Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area (Cass Co)
COLSP	= Chain-O-Lakes State Park (Lake Co)	JP	= Jackson Park & vicinity, Chicago, (Cook Co)
CONWR	= Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)	Kankakee	= Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
DPCA	= Des Plaines Conservation Area (Will Co)	KankakeePks	= LeVasseur Park/Perry Farm Park (Kankakee Co)
EForkL	= East Fork Lake (Richland Co)	KankakeeR SP	= Kankakee River State Park (Kankakee Co)
Emiquon	= Emiquon Preserve (Fulton Co)	KArb	= Klehm Arboretum, Rockford (Winnebago Co)
ESTL	= East St. Louis (Madison Co)		

***Locations,** continued*

KCP = Kennekuk County Park (Vermilion Co)
KinkaidL = Kinkaid Lake (Jackson Co)
KLMSNA = Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area (Monroe Co)
KSP = Kickapoo State Park (Vermilion Co)
LBloom = Lake Bloomington (McLean Co)
LCal = Lake Calumet and vicinity (Cook Co)
LCF = Lake County Fairgrounds, Grayslake (Lake Co)
L&D 13 = Lock & Dam 13, Mississippi River (Whiteside Co)
LostMound = Lost Mound Unit, Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge (Jo Daviess Co)
LowdMil = Lowden-Miller State Forest (Ogle Co)
LRen = Lake Renwick (Will Co)
LRSHNC = Little Red School House Nature Center, Palos (Cook Co)
LSpfld = Lake Springfield (Sangamon Co)
LTFP = Loud Thunder Forest Preserve (Rock Island Co)
LVerm = Lake Vermilion, Danville (Vermilion Co)
MArb = Morton Arboretum, Lisle (DuPage Co)
McGinnis = McGinnis Slough, Palos (Cook Co)
MeadbrkPk = Meadowbrook Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
MermetL = Mermet Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (Massac Co)
Midewin = Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
MidSav = Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Miller-And = Miller-Anderson Woods Nature Preserve (Bureau Co)
MissR = Mississippi River (various counties)
Montrose = Montrose Harbor, Chicago (Cook Co)
MoraineHills = Moraine Hills State Park (McHenry Co)
Nachusa = Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co)
NewtonL = Newton Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (Jasper Co)
NoP = North Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
NPM = North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor, Lake Michigan (Lake Co)
OakBot = Oakwood Bottoms, Shawnee National Forest (Jackson Co)
Palos = Palos area (sw. Cook Co)
PaulDouglas = Paul Douglas Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Peabody = Peabody River King State Fish & Wildlife Area (St. Clair Co)
Pecatonica = Pecatonica River vicinity (Winnebago Co)
PLNWR = Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge – Keithsburg Division of Mark Twain NWR Complex (Mercer Co)
Pomona = Pomona area (Jackson Co)
PrRdg-J = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
PrRdg-M = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Marion Co)
QC = Quad Cities and vicinity (Rock Island Co)
Rckfd = Rockford (Winnebago Co)
RendL = Rend Lake and vicinity (Franklin and Jefferson Cos)
RendL-F = Rend Lake and vicinity (Franklin Co)
RendL-J = Rend Lake and vicinity (Jefferson Co)
RockCut = Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
RollinsSav = Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
RRR = Rock Run Rookery Forest Preserve (Will Co)
Ryerson = Ryerson Conservation Area (Lake Co)
SagSl = Saganashkee Slough, Palos (Cook Co)
Sang = Sangamon Co
SantaFe = Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co)
ShabbonaL = Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area (DeKalb Co)
Spfld = Springfield (Sangamon Co)
Springbrk = Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
SRSF = Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co)
StarvedRock = Starved Rock State Park (LaSalle Co)
Thomson = Thomson Causeway Recreation Area (Carroll Co)
TOT = Trail of Tears State Forest (Union Co)
TwoRivers = Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge (Calhoun Co)
UCCA = Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
Urbana = Urbana (Champaign Co)
WaterfallGlen = Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
Wauk = Waukegan harbor/lakefront (Lake Co)
WCCA = Washington County Conservation Area (Washington Co)
WhalonL = Whalon Lake Forest Preserve (Will Co)

A number in parentheses ( ) indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds. Place names given in italic type were only reported as counties. The sequence of records within species accounts, begin in northwest Illinois (Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties), proceed to the east, then continue back and forth across the state in a systematic pattern with the southernmost records at the end. Transparent directionals (n.=north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.), and including c.= central, are used where applicable. Words referring to natural features are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus Forest Park, Fall Creek, Garden Prairie, etc.). Noteworthy dates of occurrence, remarkably high counts, and/or locations for the state as a whole, or for particular regions of the state, are either underlined for being uncommon or underlined and boldfaced if exceptional for that date or location. Headings for species requiring IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are underlined, while those for species requiring review of all records are CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets [ ] without observer credit. The IORC review list can be viewed at the IOS/IORC website, http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html. Four-letter alpha or bird-banding codes in capitalized letters (e.g. WODU for Wood Duck, PUMA for Purple Martin, etc.) developed by the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory are occasionally used within the species accounts.

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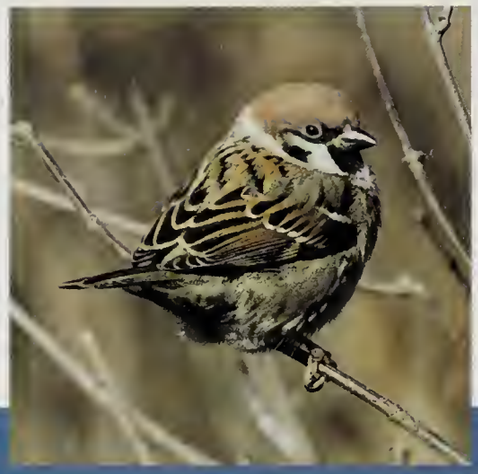

Eurasian
Tree Sparrow
Sugar Grove Nature
Center, McLean County.
16 February 2013.
Photo by
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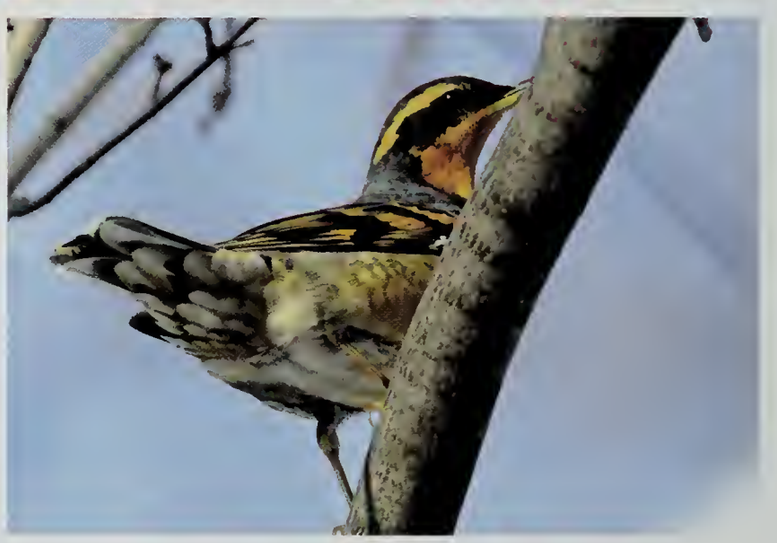
Bohemian Waxwing.
Chicago Botanic Garden,
Cook County.
8 November 2012.
Photo by Mark Bowman.

Photo Gallery:
The Winter Beauties

Hoary Redpoll.
Genoa, DeKalb County.
31 January 2013.
Photo by Mark Bowman.



Varied Thrush.
Evanston, Cook County.
6 February 2013.
Photo by Jackie Bowman.

"Green morph" Pine Siskin
Meadowbrook Park,
Urbana, Champaign County.
19 December 2013.
Photo by Joel Tucker.

Red Breasted Merganser.
Diversey Harbor, Chicago, Cook County. 23 February 2013.
Photo by Steve Spitzer.

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29 February 2013.
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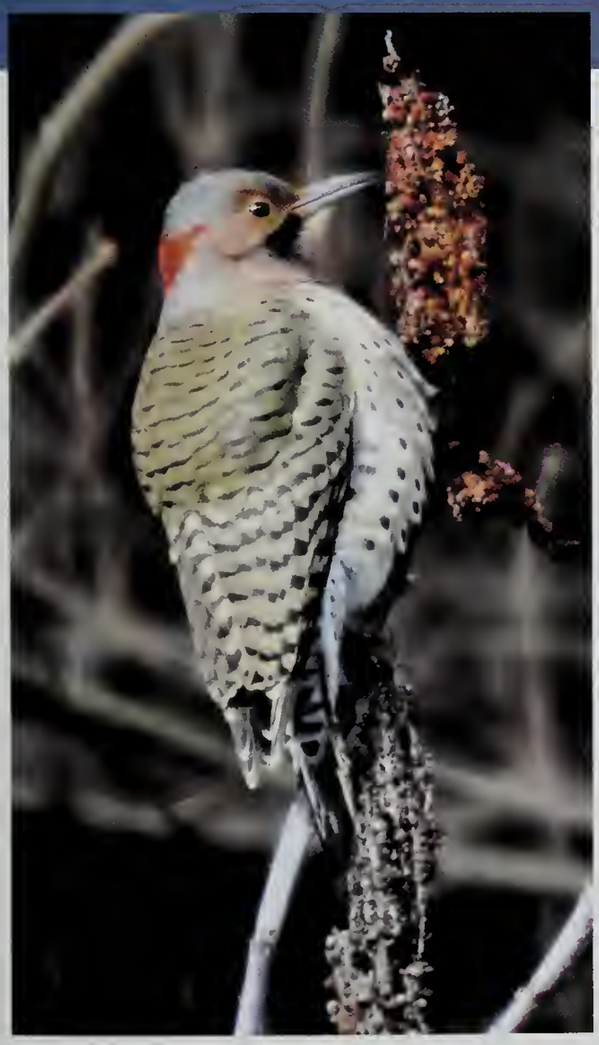

Northern Flicker.
Kickapoo State Park, Vermilion County. 13 February 2013.
Photo by Bob Schifo.

Adult Glaucous Gull.
North Point Marina, Lake County.
16 February 2013.
Photo by Amar Ayyash.

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Snow Goose (left) and Ross's Goose (right). Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 24 February 2013. Photo by Ann Fisher.

Greater White-fronted Goose

MC: 7275, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 4500, Universal Mine (Edgar Co), 26 Jan (DG:ph et al.); 3500, ClintonL, 24 Feb (GSL, Tvk); 2340, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); 1266, *e. Knox*, 14 Dec (fide DJM); 1130, 380 & 200, 14 Feb, 28 Jan, 23 Dec resp (present all winter (HDB); 1000, Fish Hook WA (ShelbyvilleL, Moultrie Co), 16 Feb (TZ); 190, GLPSNA, 13 Feb (REF, KDF, VS); 109, Kankakee, 2 Feb (JBH); 85, PineL Pk (Will Co), 17 Feb (JAS, MAM). **Others:** *McLean* (2000), 6 Feb (MEF, MM); BaileyWet (2000), 9-28 Feb (CLH); SpringL SFWA (Tazewell Co) (1500), 12 Feb (EC); CarlL-C (1500), 22 Feb (DMK); AndersonL (Fulton Co), 18 Feb (JF); RendL (850), 15 Dec (KAM); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (800), 16 Feb (DHh); KLMSNA (686), 24 Feb (C&PD); Emiquon (600), 19 Jan (KAM); ArcolaM (Douglas Co) (400), 18 Feb (TDF); Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (395), 24 Feb (TJD); Woodford Co CA (354), 20 Feb (TH); BannerM (350), 6 Feb (EC); Chau (300), 19 Jan (KAM); *Pulaski* (300), 1 Jan (KAM); KankakeeD (80), 26 Jan (JBH); *Massac* (80), 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (60), 30 Dec (BM); GooseL (Putnam Co) (55), 22 Dec (DFS); L&D 13 (50), 11 Jan (ASt); Middlefork FP (Champaign Co) (40), 24 Feb (BSs); *Carroll* (38), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); BraidwoodL (Will Co) (34), 14 Jan (JBH); LVerm (29), 1 Jan (JR); LRen (19), 13 Feb (PAM); Monee Res (Will Co) (15), 20 Feb (AFS); Oxville (Scott Co) (14), 20 Jan (EWW); *Mercer* (11), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH); QC (9), 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); Rochelle (Ogle Co) (6), 19 Dec (DTW); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (5), 13 Feb (JRS, AFS); NPM (2), 16 Feb (KAM, DRD); HL, 26 Jan (FRH).

Snow Goose

MC: 300,000, CarlL-C, 21-24 Dec,12 Jan,23-24 Feb (DMK); 50,000, BaileyWet, 9-28 Feb (CLH); 21,000, Emiquon, 19 Jan (KAM); 700, *Coles*, 12 Jan (KAM); 85, PineL Pk (Will Co), 17 Feb (MAM, JAS); 70, Monee Res (Will Co), 20 Feb (AFS); 15, QC, 16 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.). **Others:** HLCA (25,300), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); RendL (15,000), 14 Dec (KAM); Chau (8000), 9 Jan (MI); LSpfld (6330, 5700, 5350), 17 Feb, 23 Dec & 28 Jan resp, & present all winter (HDB); UCCA (6138), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); ClintonL (5000), 24 Feb (GSL, Tvk); TwoRivers (5000), 2 Dec (EWW); *Pulaski* (2500), 6 Dec (KAM); BannerM (1000), 6 Feb (EC); FtMSP (225), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); LRen (44), 13 Feb (PAM); Lake Bluff (Lake Co) (10), 11 Feb (EE); Gillson (8), 11 Feb (AFS); Rochelle (Ogle Co) (4), 19 Dec (DTW); Annawan (Henry Co) (3), 8 Dec (EWW); Winnebago (Winnebago Co) (2), 18 Feb (DTW); Oregon (Ogle Co) ("blue"), 5-8 Jan (DTW, AFS, DHh et al.); HL, 14 Feb (FRH); LCal, 15 Feb (AG, WJM); Chi (Columbus Pk), 3-6 Dec (DFS, EDG et al.); Chi, 23-24 Feb (PAM, DRD).

Ross's Goose

MC: 14, ShabbonaL, 12 Feb (*ASA:ph); 14, CarlL, 23 Dec (KAM); 12, BaileyWet, 21 Feb (CLH); 7, PineL Pk (Will Co), 17 Feb (MAM, JAS); 6, 31 Jan – 14 Feb, w/a few all winter, LSpfld (HDB); 5, Spring Lk SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 24 Feb (KBR). **Others:** RendL-J (10), 8 Dec (KAM); UCCA (6), 1 Jan (KAM); Monee Res (Will Co) (5), 20 Feb (AFS); Kankakee (5), 1 Dec (DJM); ClintonL (4), 24 Feb (GSL, Tvk); 1-72 @ Jacksonville (Morgan Co) (4), 8 Dec (TW, CD); Annawan (Henry Co) (3), 8 Dec (EWW); Elburn (Kane Co) (2), 15-16 Feb (BL, MM); Emiquon (2), 19 Jan (KAM); HLCA (2), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Rckfd, 22 Dec-3 Jan (DTW, RCe); NPM, 16 Feb (KAM, DRD); Les Arends FP (Kane Co), 8 Jan (JJ:ph); Dixon & Kingdom (Lee Co), 4 & 29 Jan (PO & DHh resp); Yorkville (Kendall Co), 3 Dec (RM); Niles (St. Adalberts Cem) (Cook Co), 17-19 Dec (TLy, MDn, SBB); Montrose, 12-25 Feb (LGM, PAM m.ob.:ph); RRR, 17 Feb (JAS, MAM); LRen, 8 Feb (ASA); BraidwoodL (Will Co), 31 Jan (JBH); *Mason*, 10 Feb (KAM); CharlestonL (Coles Co), 23-24 Feb (RB); HL, 26 Feb (FRH).

Cackling Goose

MC: 650, Dekalb (Nestle ponds) (Dekalb Co), 9 Dec (CAT, TLK); 464, Rckfd, 22 Dec (DTW, RCe); 450, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 19 Dec (DTW); 330, Annawan (Henry Co), 8 Dec (EWW); 109, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 100, Peabody, 5 Jan (TJD); 65, Danville (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (MPW); 20, WCCA, 1 Jan (KAM). **Others:** QC (114), 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); HomerL (Champaign Co) (50), 2 Dec (MPW); Dixon (Lee Co) (47), 5 Jan (DTW); LSpfld (44, 21, 12), 14 Feb, 27 Jan & 24 Dec resp (HDB); ShabbonaL (32), 12 Feb (ASA); MissR (Whiteside & Carroll Cos) (20), 19 Dec (*EA, RN, m.ob.); LBloom (20), 22 Dec (BM:ph); LRen (18), 13 Feb (PAM); Big Rock FP (Kane Co) (12), 2 Feb (ASA); Nachusa (10), 15 Dec (EWW); ShabbonaL (8), 1 Dec (VLM); *Rock Island* (6), 5 Jan (KJM); Penn Twp (Stark Co) (6), 6 Jan (DJM); Mundelein (St. Mary's Seminary, Lake Co) (5), 1 Jan (AFS et al.); PLNWR (5), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH); RendL (5), 15 Dec (KAM); KankakeeD (4), 25 Jan (JBH); BannerM (4), 6 Feb (EC); Jacksonville (I-72 barrow pit pond, Morgan Co) (4), 8 Dec (TW, CD); CarlL-C (4), 2 Jan (DMK); WilmingtonD (Will Co) (3), 15 Jan (JBH); UCCA (3), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); Lost Nation (Ogle Co) (2), 16 Dec (EWW); EForkL (2), 8 Feb (CLH); *Kane* (2), 15 Feb (KAM); NPM, 28 Dec (KAM); Metropolis (Massac Co), 18 Jan (KAM).

Canada Goose

MC: 6500, LRen, 13 Feb (PAM); 6000, Dekalb (Nestle ponds) (Dekalb Co), 9 Dec (CAT, TLK); 4415, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 3104, QC, 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); 2000, LSpfld, 5 Jan (HDB); 2000, *Livingston*, 17 Feb (KAM); 2000, *Madison*, 6 Jan (KAM); 1347, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 800, Peabody, 5 Jan (TJD). **Others:** Lake Villa (Lake Co) (3000 & 1675 migrating over), 21 Dec & 31 Jan resp (RBs); *Whiteside & Lee* (2628), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); Wauk (2302), 1 Jan (DRD, EL); MissR (Carroll & Whiteside Cos) (2287), 19 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); Mundelein (St. Mary's Seminary, Lake Co) (1200), 1 Jan (AFS et al.); Monee Res (Will Co) (1000), 20 Feb (AFS); *Woodford* (1000), 19 Jan (KAM); *Grundy* (650), 1 Feb (KAM); *DeKalb* (640), 16 Feb (KAM); CarlL-C (600), 30 Dec (DMK); MissR (Rock Island Co) (554), 26 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); *Lake* (540), 26 Jan (SDB, BJS); Nachusa (505), 16 Dec (EWW); Emiquon (450), 19 Jan (KAM); HLCA (415), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Danville (Vermilion Co) (402), 1 Jan (SDB); Chau (400), 19 Jan (KAM); WCCA (325), 1 Jan (KAM); UCCA (310), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); HLCA (415), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); KankakeeD (250), 22 Jan (JBH); Urbana (159), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (100), 2 Jan (KAM); CBG (75), 5 Jan (KAM); FtMSP (59), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg). **Hybrid:** ClintonL (Canada Goose x Greater White-fronted Goose), 1 Feb (*MEF).

Mute Swan

MC: 75, LCal, 9 Feb (WJM, SBB, WSS, m.ob.); 66, CedarL (Lake Co), 25 Feb (SDB); 39, Chann, 6 Jan (JAS); 12, ThirdL (Lake Co), 5 Jan (DRD); 9, Schroeder Wildlife Sanctuary (Bloomington, McLean Co), 24 Dec (BM:ph). **Others:** DiamondL (Mundelein, Lake Co) (37), 25 Feb (JRS); LSpfld (7), 6 Jan (HDB); SullivanL (McHenry Co) (6), 6 Dec (AFS, APS); LoyolaB (Cook Co) (5), 10 Jan (SGS); MissR (Rock Island Co) (3), 21 Jan (EWW); Universl Mine (Edgar Co) (3), 26 Jan (DG et al.); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (2), 26 Jan (BJS, SDB);

So. ElginD (Kane Co) (2), 25 Dec (BL); WilmingtonD (Will Co) (2), 11 Dec (JBH); *Woodford* (2), 19 Jan (KAM); LVerm (2), 1 Jan (JR, MPW, SDB); CarlL-C, 22 Dec (DMK, TDF, TAM); HL, 10 Jan,16 Feb (FRH); Oxville (Scott Co), 20 Jan (EWW); NPM, 27 Jan (EWW).

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 125, Universal Mine (Edgar Co), 26 Jan (DG et al.); 70+ & 20, Liverpool Twp (Fulton Co), 20 Dec & 9 Feb resp (MI:ph); 51, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, SDB et al.); 25, LCal, 29 Dec & w/1 there 19-21 Jan (WJM, CDH, MLB & GAW, m.ob. resp); 18, Peabody, 20 Jan (TJD); 10, Oxville (Scott Co), 20 Jan (EWW); 8, MissR (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); 6, Emiquon, 8 Dec & 19 Jan (EWW & KAM resp). **Others:** Chau (17), 9 Dec (EWW); CarlL-C (11), 22 Dec (*DMK); Penn Twp (Stark Co) (9), 4 Jan (MJB); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (7 & 2), 25-26 Dec & 26 Jan - 25 Feb (BSr et al. & BJS, SDB, AFS et al. resp); SpringL (Carroll Co) (7), 11 Jan (ASt); *Jersey* (6), 20 Jan (KAM); Chann (6), 2 Feb (JAS); Amboy (Lee Co) (5), 9-24 Jan (DTW, DHh, MAM); Lippold Pk, Crystal Lake (McHenry Co) (4), 13 Feb (SDB); Lindenhurst (HastingsL, Lake Co) (4), 11 Jan (RH); EvergreenL (Woodford Co) (4), 2-12 Jan (BM:ph, DW:ph, MEF et al.); HomerL FP (Champaign Co) (4; 2 ad & 2 juv), 1-3 Jan (EJC et al.); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (3), 16 Dec (fide GAW); QC (3), 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); LSpfld (2 ad), 5 Dec (HDB); SullivanL (McHenry Co) (ad), 6 Dec (AFS, APS); Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co), 26 Dec (MMC); Rochelle (Ogle Co) (imm), 23 Feb (DTW); Rock Island (Rock Island Co) (imm), 8 Jan (DJM); SangchrisL (Sangamon/Christian Cos) (ad), 1 Jan (HDB); MeredosiaL (Morgan Co), 14 Dec (fide TW).

Gadwall x Northern Pintail hybrid. Clinton Lake, DeWitt County. 18 January 2013. Photo by Matt Fraker.

Tundra Swan

MC: 1416, MissR (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (*EA, RN, m.ob.); 198, Montrose, 25 Dec (GAW et al.); 30, BaileyWet, 24 Feb (CLH); 17, Chau, 9 Dec (EWW); 6, Emiquon, 8 Dec (EWW); 6, *Lawrence*, 27 Feb (CLH). **Others:** *Will* (74), 28 Dec (*ASA); LCal (57), 29 Dec & 2 there 19 Jan (WJM, CDH, MLB & GAW m.ob. resp); Kankakee (1-57 exit) (32; 25 ad, 7 imm), 26 Dec (JBH); Elburn Quarry Pond (Kane Co) (20), 9 Dec (AG, EG, ELG); Wilmette (Cook Co) (20), 27 Dec (JK); Chann (20), 5 Jan (KAM); Brookfield Twp (LaSalle Co) (19), 27 Dec (REF, KDF, UWG); LSummerset (Winnebago Co) (12; 5 ad,7 imm), 9-15 Dec (DTW); Palos Heights (Cook Co) (10), 25 Dec (LR); ThirdL (Lake Co) (7; 3 ad & 4 Juv), 1 Jan (BJS, DBJ); MissR (Rock Island Co) (7), 21 Jan (EWW); Amboy Sewage Lagoons (Lee Co) (5), 9 Jan (DHh, DTW); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (5), 29 Dec (MJW:ph); McGinnis (4), 1-7 Dec (CDH, WSS, AFS, PB:ph); *Wabash* (4), 14 Jan (CLH); Byron Twp (RockR, Ogle Co) (3), 27 Dec (AFS, APS); CarlL-C (3), 22 Dec (*DMK); ClintonL (3 & 2), 18 Jan & 24 Feb (*MEF:ph & GSL, Tvk resp); ShabbonaL (ad & juv), 22 Dec (DL); KCP (2), 24 Feb (GSL, Tvk); Oxville (Scott Co) (2), 20 Jan (EWW); *Union* (2), 4 Feb (KAM); CedarL (Lake Co) (imm), 24-25 Feb (RBs, SDB); LSpfld, 21 Dec (HDB); Peabody (imm), 5-26 Jan (TJD); Forbes SP (Marion Co), 5 Feb (CLH).

Wood Duck

MC: 34, KankakeeR SP, 18 Feb (JBH); 16, OakBot, 23 Feb (JG); 15, Spfld (Washington Pk), 9 Dec (HDB); 11, Chi, 1 Dec (JIN); 9, JEPC, 17 Feb (CS). **Others:** *St. Clair* (8), 10 Feb> (TJD); UCCA (7), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); *Richland* (7), 18 Feb (CLH); *Pulaski* (6), 6 Dec (KAM); NoP (5), 7 Feb (JIN); QC (3), 16 Dec (BLB, CB); *Edwards* (3), 16 Feb (RES); *Lawrence* (2; ♂,♀), 9 Feb (CLH); HLCA (2), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); CarlL-C, 17 Feb (DMK); RockR (Whiteside Co) (♀), 24 Dec (AT, ET); Chi (No. Shore Channel @ Bryn Mawr) (♂), 24 Jan (DKA); LCal (♀), 29 Dec (WJM, CDH, MLB); *Mercer*, 31 Dec (CDM, JLM); Kankakee (Dam) (♀), 17 Dec (JBH); HomerL (Champaign Co (♀), 15 Dec (MPW); BaileyWet (♀), 7 Feb (CLH).

Gadwall

MC: 2105, HL, 15 Dec (FRH); 775, UCCA, 4 Feb (KAM); 400, Grafton (Jersey Co), 18 Feb (CD); 400, CarlL-C, 22-23 Dec (DMK); 340, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (fide GAW); 205 & 45, Chann, 8 Dec & 1 Jan (JAS & DFS resp); 200, Chau, 1 Dec (PB, NS); 163, LCal, 22 Jan (WJM); 100, Universal Mine (Edgar Co), 26 Jan (DG et al.). **Others:** BannerM (218), 9 Jan (EC); CONWR (130), 6 Dec (KAM); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (129), 31 Dec (GHy); WhalonL (83), 4 Dec (JAS); RendL (120), 8 Dec (KAM); Emiquon (100), 14 Dec (EC); HLCA (86), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); ThirdL (Lake Co) (85), 5 Jan (DRD); MissR (Carroll & Whiteside Cos) (66), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); Spfld (65), 12 Dec (HDB); WorleyL (Pekin, Tazewell Co) (50), 23 Feb (MJW); KankakeeD (38), 22 Jan (JBH); ClintonL (35), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (32), 24 Dec (BJS); Oakhurst FP (Kane Co) (32), 22 Dec (ASA); MissR (Rock Island Co) (31), 16 Dec (KJM); *Pulaski* (30), 24 Feb (KAM); RockCut (12), 24 Dec (DTW, BCW); Danville (Vermilion Co) (9), 1 Jan (SDB); MissR (Mercer Co) (7), 31 Dec (DJA, TM); MermetL (5), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA). **Hybrid:** Gadwall x Northern Pintail, ClintonL, 18 Jan (*MEF:ph).

American Wigeon

MC: 40, CarlL-C, 17 Feb (DMK); 27, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (fide GAW); 20, UCCA, 4 Feb (KAM); 15, Chau, 1 Dec (PB, NS); 12, BardL (McHenry Co), 19 Dec (DC, MCe). **Others:** MermetL (15), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); RendL-J (15), 18 Jan (KAM); HLCA (12), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); Urbana (8), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Spfld (8 & 6), 28 Jan & 23 Dec resp (HDB); Universal Mine (Edgar Co) (8), 26 Jan (DG et al.); *Pulaski* (6), 24 Feb (KAM); MissR (Whiteside & Carroll Cos) (4), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); WorleyL (Pekin, Tazewell Co) (3), 23 Feb (MJW); Ryerson (2), 25 Dec (DFS); WlalonL (2), 4 Dec – 7 Jan (JAS); Champaign (Champaign Co) (2), 1-5 Jan (MML, DW); ThirdL (Lake Co), 5 Jan (DRD); LCF, 2 Dec (AWS); QC, 16 Dec (BLB, CB); Oswego (Kendall Co), 1 Dec (EG); LCal (♂), 12 Dec (WJM); KankakeePks (♂), 26 Jan (JBH); ArcolaM (Douglas Co), 1 Dec & 18 Feb (TD & TDF resp); HL, 14 Dec (FRH).

American Black Duck

MC: 40, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 35, Kaneville Quarry (Kane Co), 4 Dec (SF); 35, *Jasper*, 27 Feb (CLH); 27, LCal, 4 Feb (WJM, SBB); 20, Elburn Quarry Pond (Kane Co), 9 Dec (AG, EG, ELG); 19, Spfld, 28 Jan, but some all winter (HDB) 18, RRR, 17 Feb (JAS, MAM); 12, WorleyL (Pekin, Tazewell Co), 23 Feb (MJW); 8, Danville (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (SDB). **Others:** UCCA (21), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); MissR (Carroll Co) (15), 19 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (15), 16 Dec (fide GAW); McGinnis (14), 8 Dec (RLS et al.); BillsbachL (Marshall Co) (10), 17 Feb (TH); CarlL-C (10), 16 Dec (DMK); Rckfd (9), 12 Jan (DTW); NPM (6), 27 Jan (EWW); QC (4), 16 Dec (BLB, CB); MissR (Mercer Co) (3), 31 Dec (DJA, TM); RendL (3), 15 Dec (KAM); HL, 22 Dec (FRH); RockR (Whiteside Co), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA). **Hybrid:** American Black Duck x Mallard, LCal, 4 Feb (SBB, WJM).

Mallard

MC: 60,000, CarlL-C, 24 Feb (DMK); 6665, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 5125, *Putnam* & *Bureau*, 22 Dec (DFS); 3530, Spfld, 1 Jan (HDB); 3000, *Grundy*, 1 Feb (KAM); 2064, ClintonL, 8 Feb (MEF); 2000, Emiquon, 19 Jan (KAM); 1891, MissR (Carroll & Whiteside Cos), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.). **Others:** UCCA (6312), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (1448), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); MermetL (1275), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); Rock R (Whiteside & Lee Cos) (1239), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); WilmingtonD (Will Co) (1225), 13 Jan (JBH); WorleyL (Pekin, Tazewell Co) (1000), 23 Feb (MJW); Chau (1000), 19 Jan (KAM); RendL-J (700), 8 Dec (KAM);

Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (560), 24 Feb (TJD); Elburn Quarry Pond (Kane Co) (500), 9 Dec (AG, EG, ELG); Monmouth (Warren Co) (400), 8 Dec (EWW); QC (335), 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Hampton (Rock Island Co) (250), 27 Jan (KJM); MissR (Rock Island Co) (238), 26 Dec (KJM); *Mercer* (220), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Urbana (201), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Chi (200), 1 Feb (KAM); Danville (Vermilion Co) (140), 1 Jan (SDB); Nachusa (125), 16 Dec (EWW); Zion (Lake Co) (90), 28 Feb (EWW). **Hybrids:** LCal (♂ Mallard x Northern Pintail), 4 Feb (*SBB, WJM); ClintonL (Mallard x Gadwall), 8 Feb (*MEF).

Greater Scaup (left) and Lesser Scaup (right) . Montrose Harbor; Cook County. 25 February 2013. Photo by John Picken.

Blue-winged Teal

Chi (Columbus Pk) (♀), 22 Dec (EDG, EG:ph); EForkL (♂), **27 Feb**> (CLH).

Northern Shoveler

MC: 1120, HL, 15 Dec (FRH); 800, CarlL-C, 16,22 Dec (DMK); 200, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co), 14 Dec (MML); 165 & 105, UCCA, 29 Dec & 4 Feb (SDB, PAM & KAM resp); 93, ClintonL, 16 Dec (JAS); 65, LRen, 14 Dec (ASA); 54, Oakhurst FP (Kane Co), 26 Dec (DLe). **Others:** HLCA (179), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Chau (125), 14 Dec (EC); Emiquon (120), 14 Dec (EC); *Edwards* (103), 18 Dec (RES); TwoRivers (100), 11 Dec (BSf); Charleston Sewage Ponds (Coles Co) (97), 14 Dec (TDF); *Pulaski* (90), 24 Feb (KAM); RendL-F (85), 14 Dec (KAM); MermetL (62), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); MissR (Rock Island Co) (45), 16 Dec (KJM); Oswego (Kendall Co) (45), 21 Dec (ASA); Mundelein (St. Mary's Seminary, Lake Co) (27), 1 Jan (AFS et al.); LCal (EggersM) (16), 4 Dec (WJM); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (13), 16 Dec (fide GAW); McGinnis (10), 5 & 7 Dec (WSS & WSS, PB resp); Urbana (9), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); CBG (8), 2 Dec (MH); WorleyL (Pekin, Tazewell Co) (8), 23 Feb (MJW); Chann (7), 1 Jan (DFS); LCF (6), 15 Dec (MMC); MissR (Carroll Co) (4), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.).

Northern Pintail

MC: 40,000, CarlL-C, 24 Feb (DMK); 2200, TwoRivers, 18 Feb (GHy); 1000, AndersonL (Fulton Co), 18 Feb (JF); 1000, Mac Magee WA (Shelby Co), 16 Feb (BL); 750, Chau, 1 Dec (PB, NS); 231, ClintonL, 8 Feb (MEF); 59, MissR (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); 49, Chann, 21 Feb (TH). **Others:** Grafton (Jersey Co) (750), 18 Feb (CD); KLMSNA (750), 24 Feb (C&PD); WorleyL (Pekin, Tazewell Co) (600), 23 Feb (MJW); Woodford Co CA (590), 2 Dec (TH); ArcolaM (Douglas Co) (400), 28 Feb (BMn); BillsbachL (Marshall Co) (239), 17 Feb (TH); Emiquon (160), 14 Dec (EC); Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (145), 24 Feb (TJD); *Pulaski* (125), 24 Feb (KAM); UCCA (80), 4 Feb (KAM); RendL-J (75), 17 Jan (GHy); Spfld (60), 29 Jan (HDB); BraidwoodL (Will Co) (58), 12 Feb (JBH); MermetL (40), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); LBloom (39), 9 Feb (LA); HLCA (18), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Elburn Quarry Pond (Kane Co) (15), 9 Dec (AG, EG, ELG); LCal (9; 8♂), 2 Jan (CDH); Monmouth (Warren Co) (8), 8 Dec (EWW); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (4), 16 Dec (fide GAW); QC (3), 16 Dec (BLB, CB); LRen (3), 13 Feb (PAM); HL, 15 Dec (FRH).

Green-winged Teal

MC: **1325**, UCCA, 4 Feb (KAM); 505, RendL, 15 Dec (KAM); 90, *Pulaski*, 24 Feb (KAM); 23 (20♂, 3♀), Cuba Marsh FP (Lake Co), 17 Dec (AFS); 10, Universal Mine (Edgar Co), 26 Jan (DG et al.). **Others:** TwoRivers (125), 18 Feb (GHy); CarlL-C (80), 18 Feb (DMK); MermetL (60), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); HL (52), 15 Dec (FRH); Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (52), 24 Feb (TJD); Spfld (40, 20, 16), 13 Dec, 25 Feb & 29 Jan resp (HDB); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (16), 16 Dec (fide GAW); McGinnis (7), 8 Dec (RLS et al.); Urbana (4), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); WorleyL (Pekin, Tazewell Co) (3), 23 Feb (MJW); ClintonL (3), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); MissR (Rock Island Co) (2; ♂, ♀), 26 Dec (KJM); ThirdL (Lake Co) (2), 5 Jan (DRD); Rckfd, 12 Jan (DTW); CBG, 2 Dec (MH); Chann, 1 Jan (DFS); LRen, 13 Feb (PAM).

Canvasback

MC: 7000, MissR (Whiteside & Rock Island Cos), 10 Feb (JAS, JIN, UWG, m.ob.); 4000, CarlL-C, 22-23 Dec (DMK); 800, RendL, 15 Jan (LWS); 340, 250, 163, LSpfld, 23 Dec, 6 Feb & 31 Jan resp (HDB); 331 & 270, Spring Bay Fen NP (Woodford Co), 13 Feb & 27 Dec resp (TH); 55, UCCA, 4 Feb (KAM); 54, ShabbonaL, 23 Feb (ASA). **Others:** Peabody (49), 28 Jan (GHy); Chann (48), 14 Jan (SF, ATB); TwoRivers (46), 5 Feb (BSf); LCal (25), 23 Dec (WJM); Chau (25), 1 Dec (PB, NS); Brussels Ferry (Jersey Co) (22), 19 Feb (DPs); East Peoria (Cooper Pk, Tazewell Co) (20), 1 Jan (MJW); Emiquon (20), 14 Dec (EC); MissR (Alexander Co) (17), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); Rckfd (7), 22 Dec (DTW, RCe); LostMound (6), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); Kaneville Quarry (Kane Co) (6), 13 Jan (ASA); Kankakee (6), 15-17 Feb (JBH); BardL (McHenry Co) (5), 19 Dec (DC, MC); NPM (2; ♂,♀), 5-27 Jan (KAM, EWW); Oregon (Ogle Co) (♂), 5 Jan (DTW); Oxville (Scott Co) (♀), 20 Jan (EWW); HL, 15 Dec (FRH).

Redhead

MC: 249 & 53, LCal, 17 Feb & 23 Jan resp (WJM, SBB); 190, Evenston (LighthouseB, Cook Co), 29 Dec (JIE); 133 & 108 (57 ♂, 51 unk), NPM, 9 Feb & 27 Jan (CAT, TLK & EWW resp); 90, Chann, 9 Feb (JAS); 55 & 22, LSpfld, 22 Feb & 29 Jan resp, but some all winter (HDB); 30, CarlL-C, 23-24 Feb (DMK). **Others:** Chi (MonroeH) (70), 14 Feb (SBB); L&D13 (60), 4 Dec (DHh); LBloom (47), 23 Feb (LA); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (30), 13 Feb (PWS); CedarL (Lake Co) (20), 25 Feb (SDB); WhalonL (20), 30 Jan (JAS et al.); SpringL (Tazewell Co) (20), 13 Feb (DH); JP (17), 29 Dec (RLS); MissR (Whiteside Co) (15), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); ShabbonaL (24), 23 Feb (MM); HL (20), 17 Feb (DSa); GenevaD (Kane Co) (10), 4 Feb (SF); RRR (10), 17 Feb (KAM); KankakeeD (15), 6 Feb (JBH); Peabody (3), 31 Jan (TJD); RendL (2), 15 Dec (KAM); MissR (Rock Island Co) (2; ♂, ♀), 26 Dec (KJM).

Ring-necked Duck

MC: 1400, UCCA, 4 Feb (KAM); 800, CarlL-C, 30 Dec (DMK); 300, MermetL, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); 240, Chann, 2 Feb (JAS); 120, LostMound, 15 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); 120 & 102, LSpfld, 23 Dec & 18 Feb resp (HDB); 106, MissR (Whiteside Co), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); 48, MissR (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (KJM). **Others:** Peabody (75), 26 Jan (TJD); RendL-J (70), 8 Dec (KAM); Joliet Twp (Will Co) (56), 1 Jan (DFS); LCal (44), 29 Dec (WJM, CDH, MLB); HLCA (40), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); *Pulaski* (30), 24 Feb (KAM); Universal Mine (Edgar Co) (15), 26 Jan (DG et al.); LVerm (9), 1 Jan (SDB); RockR (Whiteside Co) (5), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (2), 13 Feb (DRD); IBSP (♀), 10 Dec (AFS); HL, 16 Dec (FRH).

Greater Scaup

MC: 1700, Wauk, 1 Jan (DRD, EL); 400, IBSP, 28 Dec (KAM); 200, CarlL-C, 26 Jan (DMK); 50, RRR, 17 Feb (KAM); 18, Peabody, 20 Jan> (TJD); 10, 10 & 6, LSpfld, 23 Jan, 11 Feb & 23 Dec resp. w/a few all winter (HDB). **Others:** LostMound (500), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); MissR (Rock Island Co) (36), 16 Dec (*BLB, CB, *KJM); MissR (Whiteside Co) (3), 19 Dec (*KJM, JLM); UCCA (3; 2 ♂, ♀), 1 Jan (KAM); RockR (Whiteside Co) (2-3), 5-12 Jan (DTW, DFS); RockCut (♀), 15 Jan (DTW); *Madison*, 17 Feb (FRH).

Lesser Scaup

MC: 7020, MissR (Whiteside & Carroll Cos), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); 3000, CarlL-C, 23 Dec (DMK); 639, MissR (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 550, LCal, 4 Feb (WJM, SBB); 550, 400, 350, LSpfld, 28 Feb, 25-31 Jan, & 30 Dec resp (HDB); 100, Peabody, 31 Jan (TJD); 100, *Logan*, 10 Feb (KAM). **Others:** MissR (Rock Island Co) (328),

26 Dec (KJM); IBSP (200), 28 Dec (KAM); RRR (170), 17 Feb (JAS, MAM); RockR (Whiteside Co) (145), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA); MermetL (80), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); HLCA (5), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); RockCut (5), 15 Jan (DTW); Oregon (Ogle Co) (2), 5 Jan (DTW); HL, 8 Dec (FRH).

Surf Scoter

NPM (2 & 1), 24 Dec & 10 Feb (BJS); CharlestonL (Coles Co) (2; ad ♂, imm ♂), 20-28 Feb (RB et al.); Wauk (♂), 17 Feb (NC:ph); Lower Peoria Lk (Tazewell Co), 8 Dec (KBR).

White-winged Scoter

MC: 27, NPM, 21 Feb (DRD:ph); 20, Chi (RainbowB), 9 Feb (RDH); 18 & 4, LCal, 17 & 9 Feb (*SBB, WJM & CAT resp); 18 & 3, LSpfld, 25 & 27 Feb resp (HDB:ph); 6, Gillson, 10 Feb (MMC); 6 & 7, RRR, 9 & 11 Feb (JAS & MM resp); 4 (2♂, 2♀), RendL, 5-27 Feb (DDM, LWS); 3, CarlL-C, 21 Feb (DMK). **Others:** Montrose (5), 10 Feb (RDH); Wauk (2), 10 Feb (BJS); Chi (2), 15 Feb (PAM); MissR (Rock Island Co) (2; ad ♂, imm ♂), 16 Dec (*BLB, CB); MissR (Madison Co) (2), 20 Feb (KAM); *Kane*, 25 Feb (*ASA); BannerM, 6 Feb (EC); Urbana (1st St. pond), 24-25 Feb (SRr, JT:ph).

Black Scoter

NPM (♂), 14 Jan (PWS).

Long-tailed Duck

MC: 3, NPM, 10 Feb (BJS); 2, Chi, 9 Feb (*ASA, DHh). **Others:** Montrose (♂), 25 Dec (RDH); Chi (BurnhamH), 2-6 Jan (DFS et al.); Chi (Northerlyl) (♀), 1 Dec (RLS); MissR (Rock Island Co) (♂), 16 Dec (KJM); Thomson, 1 Dec (ASt et al.); L&D 13 (♀), 6-19 Dec (ASt, KJM, JLM); CarlL-C (♂), 12-13 Jan (DMK, KAM); RendL, 26,29 Jan (DDM, LWS).

Bufflehead

MC: 950, MissR (Whiteside and Carroll Cos), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); 115, Spring Bay Fen NP (Woodford Co), 27 Dec (TH); 60, CarlL-C, 2, 16, 21 Dec (DMK); 55, LCal (Bend of the Little CalumrtR), 26 Jan (EG); 53, JP, 5 Dec (PRC); 37, LSpfld, 1 Dec (HDB); 13, RendL, 15 Dec (KAM). **Others:** MissR (Rock Island Co) (40), 16 Dec (KJM); TwoRivers (40), 14 Feb (BSf); Wauk (36), 10 Dec (AFS); East Peoria (Cooper Pk, Tazewell Co) (35), 1 Dec (NS); LostMound (34), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); NPM (25), 23 Dec (PWS); HL (21), 17 Feb (DSa); Dundee Quarry (Kane Co) (14), 4 Dec (SF); Emiquon (12), 30 Dec (EPt); Grafton (Jersey Co) (12), 18 Feb (CD); ClintonL (6), 1 Feb (MEF); ShabonnaL (3), 12-23 Dec (MM, ASA); LVerm (3), 1 Jan (SDB); UCCA (3), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK).

Common Goldeneye

MC: 4000, CarlL-C, 23 Dec (DMK); 2704, MissR (Whiteside & Carroll Cos), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); 670, LSfld, 30 Dec (HDB); 560, FoxR (Carpentersville to Oswego, Kane Co), 16 Feb (EES); 500, East Peoria (Cooper Pk, Tazewell Co), 21 Feb (SRA); 400, DiamondL (Mundelein, Lake Co), 25 Feb (JRS); 400, Montrose, 24 Jan (DO); 400, StarvedRock (400), 17 Feb (LRo). **Others:** Spring Bay Fen NP (Woodford Co) (320), 13 Feb (TH); RRR (300), 17 Feb (KAM); LCal (275), 4 Feb (WJM, SBB); MissR (Cordova, Rock Island Co) (250), 10 Feb (JAS et al.); Buffalo Rock SP (LaSalle Co) (200), 17 Feb (GP); NPM (185), 27 Jan (EWW); Spring Bay Fen NP (Woodford Co) (175), 27 Dec (TH); Glenwood Park FP (Kane Co) (162), 25 Jan (LY); Les Arends FP (Kane Co) (150), 6 Jan (TB); ClintonL (148), 11 Jan (MEF); Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co) (112), 25 Dec (DFS); HeideckeL (100), 1 Feb (KAM); RendL (82), 18 Jan (KAM); ShabbonaL (80), 2 Feb (ASA); Kankakee (72), 3 Jan (JBH); RockR (Whiteside Co) (71), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.). **Hybrid:** RRR (Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser), 8 Jan (*ASA:ph); LRen (Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser), 7-13 Feb (ASA). Same bird?

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE

Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co), 9-30 Dec (GG, SDB, m.ob.:ph)

Hooded Merganser

MC: 600, CarlL-C, 30 Dec (DMK); 150, RRR, 6 Jan (JAS); 112, LSpfld, 12 Dec (HDB); 60, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (fide GAW); 60, SagSl, 16 Dec (WJM, SBB, CDH); 25, RendL, 15 Dec (KAM); 23, Wauk, 1 Dec (AFS). **Others:** Joliet Twp (Will Co) (56), 1 Jan (DFS); Emiquon (40), 19 Jan (KAM); UCCA (36), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Seneca (IllinoisR, LaSalle Co) (25), 6 Jan (DJS); RockR (Lee Co) (12), 24 Dec (CDM, MMn); MissR (Alexander Co) (10), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); *Massac* (8), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); MacArthur Wds FP (Lake Co) (6), 1 Jan (AFS, PWS); MissR (Whiteside & Carroll Cos) (5), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM).

Common Merganser

MC: 800, Chi (MonroeH), 19 Jan (GAW m.ob.); 400, RRR, 2 Feb (JAS); 325, LCal, 14 Feb (WJM); 300, LSpfld, 25 Jan (HDB); 201, ClintonL, 8 Feb (MEF); 80, CarlL-C, 26 Jan,3 Feb (DMK); 25, Forbes SP (Marion Co), 24 Feb (CLH). **Others:** Chann (320), 21 Feb (TH); NPM (200), 25 Feb (EWW); JP (200), 5 Jan (RLS); Buffalo Rock SP (LaSalle Co) 198), 17 Feb (GP); Morris (Grundy Co) (150), 12 Jan (ASA, LGt); Evanston (LighthouseB, Cook Co) (130), 4 Jan (RD); Emiquon (125), 1 Jan (CD); MissR (Cordova, Rock Island Co) (100), 10 Feb (JAS et al.); CONWR (80), 12 Feb (JG); DecaturL (Macon Co) (68), 11 Feb (MT); No. AuroraD (Kane Co) (55), 10 Feb (ASA); HeideckeL (50), 1 Feb (KAM); East Peoria (Tazewell Co) (32), 19 Jan (JBH); LRen (30), 31 Jan (ASA); Chau (30), 19 Jan (KAM); Rckfd (18), 12 Jan (DTW); Peabody (12), 26 Jan (TJD); BaileyWet (12), 24 Feb (CLH); RockR (Lee Co) (11), 24 Dec (CDM, MMn).

Red-breasted Merganser

MC: 911, Chi (Montrose to BurnhamH), 25 Dec (GAW et al.); 250, NPM, 5 Jan (KAM); 210, Montrose, 10 Dec (NS); 40, CarlL-C, 3,10 Feb (DMK); 8, LSpfld, 15 Dec (HDB); 5, RendL, 8 Dec (KAM); 5(♂), EForkL, 1 Feb> (CLH). **Others:** JP (200), 22 Dec (RLS); ClintonL (2), 8 Feb> (MEF); MissR (Whiteside Co) (♀), 19 Dec (*KJM, JLM); RRR (♀), 17 Feb (KAM).

Ruddy Duck

MC: 800, CarlL-C, 24 Feb (DMK); 507, MissR (Whiteside & Carroll Cos), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); 400, 375, 370, LSpfld, 21-24 Feb, 15 Dec & 4 Jan resp (HDB); 200, RendL, 15 Dec (KAM); 24, MissR (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (KJM, TM, BA). **Others:** LostMound (6), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); RockR (Whiteside Co) (5; ♂,4♀), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA); St. Mary'sL (Mundelein, Lake Co) (2), 26 Jan (SDB, BJS); LCal (2), 1 Dec (WJM).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 30, MeredosiaI CBC (Brown, Morgan, Pike & Scott Cos), 14 Dec (fide TW); 24, *Franklin*, 18 Dec (LWS); 21, *Edwards*, 2 Feb (RES); 16, Meredosia NWR (Cass & Morgan Cos), 9 Dec (EWW); 10, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (DJA, TM); 8, *Lee*, 24 Dec (SBH, THr); *Whiteside* (2), 20 Dec (EA, RN). **Others:** So. Fork SangamonR (Sangamon Co) (16), 23 Dec (HDB); Crainville (Williamson Co) (15), 8 Feb (JG); *McDonough* (6), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); CarlL-C (2), 21 Dec (DMK); *Monroe* (2), 15 Dec (C&PD); *ne. Iroquois*, 13 Feb (JBH).

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 50, Moraine View SP (McLean Co), 1 Jan (BM); 40, Guzy Pra, 1 Jan (TDF); 26, Barnhart Pra NP (Champaign Co), 16 Dec (SDB); 16 (14♂, 2♀), RendL, 24 Feb (KAM); 11, *Rock Island*, 26 Dec (CDM, JLM, MMn); 6 (3♂, 3♀), GreenR, 24 Dec (KJM, DJA). **Others:** *Mercer* (11), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Middlefork FP (Champaign Co) (8), 24 Feb (BSs); ClintonL (7), 8 Feb (SRA); ShabbonaL (6;♂,5♀), 12 Dec (DP); QC (5), 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Sang (only 5 ind seen between Dec – Feb) (HDB); *Mercer* (3), 4 Jan (KJM).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

PrRdg-J (17), 8,18 Jan (CLH, RES). The only birds reported.

Wild Turkey

MC: 120, CarlL-C, 24 Feb (DMK); 120, RendL-F, 15 Dec (DMK); 117, *Will*, 16 Feb (PAM); 117, Marseilles (LaSalle Co), 16 Feb (JAS); 100, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); 80, Greene Twp (Woodford Co), 24 Jan (TH); 50, Moraine View SP (McLean Co), 1 Jan (BM). **Others:** *n. Iroquois* (81), 10 Feb (JBH); Wauponsee (Grundy Co) (62), 5 Jan (GM); Nelson (Lee Co) (55), 29 Jan (DHh); *Ogle* (53), 16 Dec (DHh); Russell Twp (Lawrence Co) (51), 17 Feb (KN); *Monroe* (47), 26 Dec (C&PD); MermetL (45), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); Thomson-Fulton Sand Prairie (Whiteside Co) (42), 17 Feb (DE); Franklin Crk SNA (Lee Co) (41), 24 Feb (RA); Oregon (Ogle Co) (37), 24 Jan (DTW); Richmond Twp (McHenry Co) (32), 24 Feb (DO); *Rock Island* (31), 26 Dec (KJM); Dixon Twp (Lee Co) (30), 27 Dec (DHh); *Shelby* (28), 4 Jan (TDF); CONWR (26), 21 Dec (JLr); Carmi (White Co) (24), 17 Feb (AH); *Pulaski* (22), 24 Feb (KAM); *Rock Island* (21), 5 Jan (CDM,

Red-throated Loon. Monroe Harbor, Chicago, Cook County. 14 January 2013. Photo by Mark Bowman.

Western Grebe. Waukegan, Lake County. 13 January 2013. Photo by Nolan Lameka.

JLM, CMn); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (20), 19 Dec (SDB); Havana (Mason Co) (17), 2 Dec (EWW); Wilbern (Marshall Co) (15), 15 Feb (ECr); *Jefferson* (15), 4 Feb (KAM); *Woodford* (MacinawR) (14), 29 Jan (MJA); LostMound (10), 21 Jan (EWW); Golden Eagle (Calhoun Co) (10), 17 Feb (EWW); *Cumberland* (10), 24 Feb (KAM); Limestone Twp (Kankakee Co) (9), 13 Jan (JBH); Sang (8), 26 Dec (HDB); SRSF (7), 2 Dec (EWW); Hennepin Canal Parkway SP (Bureau Co) (6), 8 Dec (EWW); MoraineHills (3), 6 Dec (AFS, APS).

Red-throated Loon

IBSP (So. Unit), 10 Dec (AFS); Gillson, 1-2 Dec (LM, FM); Chi (MonroeH), 8-19 Jan (SBB, AFS, AG:ph et al.:ph, vid).

Common Loon

MC: 6, LSpfld, 4-9 Dec, w/1 there 1 Jan (HDB); 6, RendL-F, 8,15 Dec but w/2 on 24 Feb (KAM, DMK). **Others:** ClintonL (3), 7 Dec (w/one thru 18 Jan) (MEF et al.); CarlL-C (2), 16 Dec (DMK); Wauk, 10 Dec (AFS); So. Elgin Dam (Kane Co), 22 Dec – 4 Jan (TB, BL); Gillson, 8 Dec (AFS); Chi (Grant Pk), 3 Dec (DFS); Oxville (Scott Co), 2 Dec (EWW).

Pied-billed Grebe

MC: 90, EForkL, 7 Jan (CLH); 80, CarlL-C, 30 Dec (DMK); 59, 58, & 46, LSpfld, 2 Feb, 9 Dec & 31 Jan resp (HDB); 53, BaldwinL, 16 Feb (TJD); 9, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (fide GAW); 8, DresdenL (Will Co), 17 Jan (REF, KDF, VS); 4, LVerm, 1 Jan (JR). **Others:** RendL-F (46), 15 Dec (DMK); MermetL (45), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); *n. Vermilion* (6), 1 Jan (SDB et al.); LCal (5), 27-29 Dec (WJM); BraidwoodL (Will Co) (4), 13 Jan (JBH); CBG (3), 7 Dec (AFS); SagSl (2), 11 Dec (WSS); KankakeeD (2), 6 Jan (JBH); ClintonL (2), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); RockR (Whiteside Co), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA); MissR (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM); HL, 1 Dec (FRH).

Horned Grebe

MC: 33, BaldwinL, 27 Jan (TJD); 28, LSpfld, 2 Dec, w/last seen 3 Jan (HDB); 20, ClintonL, 7 Dec (MEF); 14, Gillson, 2 Dec (FRM); 8, RendL-F, 15 Dec (DMK); 5 & 2, Wauk, 10 & 25 Dec resp (AFS). **Others:** Peabody (7), 16 Feb (TJD); Emiquon (5), 14 Dec (EC); CarlL (5), 23 Dec (KAM); Chi (Grant Pk) (4), 3 Dec (DFS); EForkL (4), 2 Dec (CLH); NPM, 1 Dec (AFS); Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co), 27 Dec (CH); Des PlainesR (Will Co), 12 Feb (PAM); Kankakee (1-57 pond; basic plum), 15 Feb (JBH).

Red-necked Grebe

NPM, 2 Dec (NJT); Gillson, 1 Dec (CAT, AFS); SagSl, 5-11 Dec (AFS, JRS, CAT, WSS et al.); LSpfld (1st winter), 31 Jan - 28 Feb (HDB); CarlL-C (imm), 16 Dec (DMK); RendL, 15 Jan-19 Feb (LWS).

Eared Grebe

LSpfld, 6 Dec & 1 Jan (HDB). Same individual?; CarlL-C, 22 Dec (DMK).

Western Grebe

Wauk, 13 Jan (BJS, AFS et al.).

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 3000, RendL-F, 15 Dec (DMK); 40, CarlL-C, 22, 28 Dec (DMK); 22, MissR (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 19, LCal, 9 Feb (WJM, SBB, WSS, m.ob.). **Others:** RRR (17), 8 Dec (JAS); MissR (Carroll Co) (5), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); HL, 14 Dec (FRH); (imm), SagSl, 16 Dec (WJM, SBB, CDH); MermetL, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); Miss. (Mercer Co), 31 Dec (DJA, TM). Several other sightings of 1-3 birds statewide.

American White Pelican

MC: 4000, CarlL-C, 22-23 Feb (DMK); 262, KeokukD (Hancock Co), 16 Feb (JF); 200, Wardl (MissR, Adams Co), 17 Feb (PJR); 200, Fish Hook Waterfowl Area (ShelbyvilleL, Moultrie Co), 16 Feb (TZ); 140, Alton (Madison Co), 18 Feb (GHy); 115, MissR (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (BLB, CB). **Others:** Emiquon (95 & 5), 18 Feb & 14 Dec (JF & EC resp); Dallas City (Henderson Co) (88), 28 Feb (CO); Grafton (Jersey Co) (85), 18 Feb (GHy); HL (82), 31 Jan (FRH); MissR (Mile #40, Alexander Co) (75), 16 Feb (JV); *Monroe* (60), 16 Feb (C&PD); TwoRivers (55), 17 Feb (EWW); *Williamson* (1-57) (38), 31 Dec (SL); BaldwinL (31), 16 Feb> (TJD); MermetL (25), 24 Feb (KAM); Woodford Co CA (13), 1 Dec (PB, NS); BannerM (Peoria Co) (12), 24 Feb (JPs); RendL (3), 24 Feb (KAM); PeoriaL (Tazewell Co) (2), 19 Jan (MJW, KAM); LSpfld, 3 Dec & 14 Feb (2) > (HDB); Centrailia (Marion Co) (2), 15 Feb (RoG); Des PlainesR (Will Co), 12 Feb (PAM); Chann (injured), 1-12 Jan (DFS et al.); Lower PeoriaL (Tazewell Co), 11 Jan (PF); Middlefork Wds NP (Vermilion Co), 16 Feb (SR); NewtonL, 13 Feb> (CLH).

Great Blue Heron

MC: 120, CarlL-C, 22 Feb (DMK); 66, LSpfld, 24 Jan (HDB); 42, MissR (Carroll & Whiteside Cos), 19 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); 32, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (fide GAW); 21, BaldwinL, 16 Feb (TJD); 12, QC, 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); 12, RRR, 17 Feb (KAM). **Others:** *Union* (26), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Elgin (FoxR, Kane Co) (19), 10 Jan (TB); KankakeePks (14), 15 Feb (JBH); RendL (14), 15 Dec (KAM); *Massac* (14), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); ClintonL (10), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); EForkL (10), all winter (CLH); Rckfd (6), 22 Dec (DTW, RCe); MissR (Alexander Co) (6), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); LCal (6), 4 Feb (WJM, SBB).

Great Egret

Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (2), 16 Dec (fide GAW); SagSl (4), 7 Dec (WSS); McGinnis (2 & 4), 8 & 7 Dec (RLS et al. & WSS, PH:ph resp).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

MC: 10 (4 ad, 6 imm) & 7, Chi (So. Pond), 1 Dec & 1 Jan (RLS & SGS resp). **Others:** Urbana (1st St. Pond) (imm), 1 Jan (MML, DW); *Madison*, 22 Dec < (FRH).

Black Vulture

MC: 50, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN). **Others:** MermetL (8), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); State Pond (Union Co) (6), 6 Dec (KAM); FtMSP (5), 18 Jan (KAM); Waterloo (Monroe Co) (4), 15 Dec (C&PD); Fort Kaskaskia SHS (Randolph Co) (2), 2 Feb (KAM); Olmsted (Pulaski Co) (2), 18 Jan (KAM); Bloomfield (Johnson Co) (2), 24 Feb (KAM).

Turkey Vulture

MC: 66, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN); 60, *Coles*, 24 Feb (KAM); 50, Sang, 15 Feb (HDB); 40, *Richland*, 9 Feb (CLH). **Others:** CONWR (22), 6 Dec (KAM); CarlL-C (12), 17,22,24 Feb (DMK); FtMSP (11), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); RendL (11), 24 Feb (KAM); *Madison* (10), 12 Jan (FRH); *Union* (9), 6 Dec (KAM); *Edwards* (8), 22 Dec (RES); *St. Clair* (8), 15 Feb (TJD); Sang (5), 6 Feb > (HDB); Rapids City (Rock Island Co) (2), 17 Feb > (ASt et al.); Greenville (Bond Co) (2), 2 Feb (EWW); Grant Wds FP (Lake Co), 25 Feb> (SDB); Beecher (Will Co), 1 Dec (MAM, JAS); Galesburg (Knox Co), 9 Feb > (DJM);

Bald Eagles. Heron County Park, Vermilion County. 1 January 2013. Photo by Joel Tucker.

e. Kankakee, 14 Feb > (JBH); *McLean*, 3 Dec < (SRA); Urbana, 9 Feb > (GSL); Forbes SP (Marion Co), 5 Jan (CLH); *Effingham*, 2 Feb (EWW); *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM).

Bald Eagle

MC: 250, L&D 13, 18 Jan – 8 Feb (ASt et al.); 249 (163 ad, 66 imm, 20 unk), *Mercer*, 31 Dec (DJA, TM, m.ob.); 238 (123 ad, 111 imm, 4 unk), MissR (Rock Island Co), 12 Jan (KJM); 165, MissR (Henderson Co), 20 Jan (EWW); 122 (48 ad,70 imm, 4 unk), MissR (Whiteside & Rock Island Cos), 9 Jan (KJM); 60, CarlL-C, 9 Feb (DMK); 27 (8 ad,18 imm,1 unk), UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK). **Others:** Lost Mound (115), 18 Jan (ASt et al.); RockR (Rock Island Co) (70; 48 ad, 22 imm), 12 Jan (KJM); *Whiteside & Lee* (47; 27 ad, 20 imm), 24 Dec (SBH, THr); MissR (Carroll & Whiteside Cos) (37; 18 ad,19 imm), 19 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); Trask Bridge FP (Winnebago Co) (26), 15-16 Dec (BGr, RGr, DTW); FoxR (Carpentersville to Oswego, Kane Co) (24), 16 Feb (EES); Rock Falls (RockR D, Whiteside Co) (19), 24 Jan (MAM); AndaSl (19; 15 ad,4 imm), 5 Jan (RRB, HA, EJ, KJM); Rckfd (18), 22 Dec (DTW, RCe); Spunky Bottoms Pr (Brown Co) (15), 20 Jan (EWW); MissR (Alexander Co) (15; 10 ad, 4 imm, 1 unk), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); Emiquon (14; 4 ad,10 imm), 19 Jan (KAM); HeideckeL & Dresden L&D (13), 1 Jan (DFS); Chau (12; 4 ad, 8 imm), 19 Jan (KAM); *n. Vermilion* (11), 1 Jan (SDB m.ob.); *e. Knox* (10), 14 Dec (fide DJM); RendL (7; 3 ad,4 imm), 15 Dec (KAM); *Woodford & McLean* (7), 20 Jan (MEF); Sang (7), 4 Jan (HDB); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (5; 3 ad, 1 subad, 1 imm)), 15 Feb (RBs); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (5), 16 Dec (fide GAW); Nachusa (4; ad, 3 unk), 16 Dec (EWW); Rochelle (Ogle Co) (2 ad), 9 Dec (CAT, TLK); LCal (2 ad), 29 Dec,5,23 Jan,12 Feb (WJM); Lake Zurich (Lake Co) (ad), 22 Dec (LG); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (imm), 13 Feb (DRD); Grayslake (Lake Co) (ad), 1 Dec (TA); LCF (imm), 11 Dec (AFS); NPM (ad), 15 Feb (KAM); Mundelein (Lake Co) (2 ad), 12 Jan (TA); ShabbonaL (ad), 12 Dec (DP); Chi (Midway Apt), 24 Jan (TV).

Northern Harrier

MC: 23, CarlL, 21 Dec (KAM); 18, GLPSNA, 5 Jan (JAS, MAM); 17, BaileyWet, 9 Feb (CLH); 10, Big Bend SWA (Whiteside Co), 10 Feb (JAS, PAM); 10, Seven Hickory Twp (Coles Co), 12 Dec - 17 Jan (TDF, RB:ph et al.); 9, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (DJA, TM, m.ob.). **Others:** *Jasper* (10), 27 Feb (RES); *Will, Kankakee & Grundy* (8), 17 Jan (REF, KDF, VS); Emiquon (9), 1 Jan (CD); *Monroe* (8), 15 Dec (C&PD); SpringL SFWA (Tazewell Co) (7), 1 Jan (MJW); Bartel (6), 19 Jan (PD); HennepinL (6), 12 Dec (TH); ClintonL (6), 3 Jan (TDF); Nipper WS (Sangamon Co) (6), 26 Jan (HDB); Fermi (5), 16 Jan (Kane Co Aud); Springbrk (5), 2 Dec – 15 Feb (JAS et al.); *Rock Island* (5), 26 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (5), 1 Jan (CD); Ark (5), 4 Feb (KAM); NelsonL M NP (DuPage Co) (4), 1 Jan (LCd); BannerM (4), 6 Feb (EC); Peabody (4), 13 Jan (TJD); *Union* (4), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); RollinsSav (2 ad ♂, ad ♀), 10 Jan (BJS); Nachusa (3; ad ♂, 2 ad ♀), 16 Dec (EWW); Aurora West FP (Kane Co) (3), 16 Dec (TB, BAi); *Whiteside & Lee* (3), 24 Dec (SBH, THr, m.ob.); *Woodford & McLean* (3), 30 Dec (MEF); Barnhart Pra NP (Champaign Co) (3), 16 Dec (SDB); RendL-J (3), 14 Dec (KAM). Numerous reports of 1-3 birds statewide.

Red-shouldered Hawk. Clinton Lake, DeWitt County. 12 January 2013. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Sharp-shinned Hawk. Palatine, Cook County. 9 February 2013. Photo by Carolyn Fields

Sharp-shinned Hawk

MC: 6, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (fide GAW); 4, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); 3, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 3, *Whiteside & Carroll*, 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.). **Others:** Lake Villa (Lake Co), 25 Dec (RBs); Wauk, 26 Jan (EWW); Mundelein (Lake Co), 12 Feb (TA); CarpentersvilleD (Kane Co), 26 Jan (EES); *Lee*, 24 Dec (CDM, MMn); Palatine (Cook Co) (ad), 8 Feb (CSF:ph); CBG (ad), 10 Feb (AFS); Westchester (Cook Co) (imm), 1 Jan (DFS); *Rock Island*, 5 Jan (CDM, JLM, CMn); Annawan (Henry Co), 8 Dec (EWW); New Windsor (Mercer Co) (ad), 4 Jan (KJM); Wilmington (Will Co) (ad), 23 Dec (JBH); BRSF (♀), 20 Jan (EWW); *Fulton*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); Bloomington (McLean Co) (ad), 23 Dec (MJW, APC); ClintonL, 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); IllinoisR (Brown Co), 9 Dec (EWW); TwoRivers (Jersey Co), 20 Jan (KAM); New Athens (St. Clair Co) (imm), 12,28 Feb (TJD); CarlL-C, 16,29 Dec, 5 Jan (DMK); RendL, 15 Dec (KAM); *Williamson*, 6 Dec (KAM).

Cooper's Hawk

MC: 15, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 5, Sang, 23 Dec (HDB); 4, Chi (Northerly1), 4 Dec (WP); 4, Urbana, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 3, QC, 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); 3, *Rock Island*, 5 Jan (RRB, HA, EJ, m.ob.); 3, CarlL., 21 Dec (KAM); 3, RendL, 15 Dec (KAM). **Others:** *s. McLean* (3), 19 Dec (APC, GH); *Carroll* (2), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); *Mercer* (2), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Lee*, 24 Dec (CDM, MMn); Spring Lk SF&WA (Tazewell Co) (ad caught & ate GADW), 9 Jan (MI:ph); Belleville (St. Clair Co) (ad), 23 Dec,13 Feb (DMK, TJD); Greenville (Bond Co), 23 Feb (DMK); New Athens (St. Clair Co) (ad), 3,17 Feb (TJD); Freeburg (St. Clair Co), 27 Feb (TJD). Numerous reports of 1-2 birds in the northern ½ of the state.

Northern Goshawk

Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (imm), 28 Dec-17 Feb (KAM, AFS); *Peoria* (chasing ROPls), 11 Jan (PF, MHB).

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 15, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN, m.ob.); 11, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 3, *n. Vermilion*, 1 Jan (SDB et al.); 2, *Hancock*, 3 Feb (AMR, PJR). **Others:** UCCA (3), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); EForkL (3), 4 Feb (CLH); LVerm (2), 24 Feb (GSL, Tvk); Forbes SP (Marion Co) (2), 4 Feb (CLH); Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (2), 15 Feb (TJD); RendL (2), 18 Jan (KAM); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (ad), 25 Dec (RBs); PlumR Wetlands (Carroll Co), 8 Dec (ASt); Monroe Twp (Ogle Co) (ad), 14 Jan (KML); I-88 (Dekalb Co), 9 Dec (CAT, TLK); ShabbonaL (imm), 2 & 14 Feb (ASA & AFS resp); CarpentersvilleD (Kane Co) (imm), 31 Dec (BL); Dundee (Kane Co) (imm), 23 Feb (CMo:ph); Spring Crk FP (Cook Co), 17 Dec (ABA); Chi (No. Shore Channel), 2 Jan (MDn); Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co), 16 Dec,10 Jan (JSA, DA); Chi (I-90 & Higgins Rd) (ad), 7-20 Feb (JWL, MMC); Chi (Douglas Pk), 5 Jan (AG:ph, EDG); Crabtree NC (Cook Co) (imm), 19 Feb (NB); LCal (imm), 25 Jan (WJM); LCal (ad), 26 Jan (AFS, WJM): KankakeeR SP (ad), 17 Jan (JBH); Kankakee (Whispering Willows Pk), 9 Feb (JBH); *e. Knox*, 14 Dec (fide DJM); Spring Lk SF&WA (Tazewell Co) (ad), 8 Dec-8 Jan, (juv) 23 Dec-9 Jan (KBR, MI); *Tazewell* (juv), 23 Dec (MJW, APC); Bloomington (McLean Co) (imm), 2-12 Feb (MJW:ph); ClintonL, 16 Dec & 18 Jan (juv) (SDB, GSL, RK & MEF:ph); Sang (all imm seen on 6 dates, 20 Dec – 11 Feb (HDB); Decatur (Cannon Pk, Macon Co), 11 Jan (EW); HomerL FP (Champaign Co), 22 Dec & 24 Feb (RBr &

GSL, Tvk resp). A large increase of sightings of this species in the northern ½ of the state.

Partially albino American Coot. Lake Calumet, Cook County. 4 February 2012. Photo by Sam Burckhardt.

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 76, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (fide GAW); 53, *Grundy, Kankakee, & Will,* 13 Feb (REF, KDF, VS); 46, *s. McLean*, 9 Feb (APC, MJW, GH); 44, *Woodford & McLean* (MackinawR corridor), 30 Dec (MEF, MJW et al.); 42, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); 36, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 30, CarlL-C, 2 Jan (DMK); 28, *Madison & St. Clair*, 26 Jan (TJD). **Others:** *Tazewell* (26), 23 Dec (MJW, APC); *Carroll & Whiteside* (25), 19 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); *Lee & Whiteside* (25), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); *Rock Island* (24), 26 Dec (CDM, JLM, MMn, KJM); ClintonL (13), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Edwards* (13), 26 Jan (RES); *McDonough & Fulton* (10), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); Sang (10), 14 Feb (HDB); *Union* (10), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); *Alexander* (10), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Jefferson* (5 incl 1 dark phase), 25 Jan (KAM). **Other forms:** COLSP (dark "Western"), 31 Dec (BJS); Vernon Twp (Lake Co) (mostly white leucistic bird), 15 Feb (CHr:ph); LCal (ad "Krider's"), 1 Dec (SBB:ph); Goose Lake Twp (Grundy Co) ("Western"), 19 Dec (REF, KDF, VS); *Woodford* (ad "calurus"), 19 Jan (*MEF); *Woodford* (ad "Harlan's"), 3 Feb (*MEF); Pekin (Tazewell Co) (juv. "Kriders"), 7-8 Dec (KBR); *McLean* (imm "calurus"), 2 Dec (*MEF); SRSF ("Western"), 9 Dec (EWW); *Tazewell* (intermediate "Western"), 23 Dec (MJW, APC); SpringL Twp (Tazewell Co) (rufous morph), 8 Jan resp (KBR); Chau (light morph "Western"), 8 Jan (KBR); Chau (dark morph Western), 7 Jan (KBR); ClintonL (imm "calurus"), 7 Dec (MEF); Sang (dark morph), 28, 30 Jan, 27 Feb (HDB); Sang ("Western" light morph), 14 Feb (HDB); HL ("Harlan's"), 15 & 27 Dec (FRH & BJS resp); Belleville (St. Clair Co) (ad "Harlan's"), 8 Jan-23 Feb (TJD), "same winter location for eight years"; BaileyWet ("Krider's"), 21 Feb (CLH).

Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 6, *Woodford & McLean* (MackinawR corridor), 30 Dec (MEF, MJW et al.); 4, IBSP (So. Unit), 1 Jan (BJS, JSS); 4, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (WAB, m.ob.); 4, *Fulton & McDonough*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); 4, Seven Hickory Twp (Coles Co), 18 Jan (TDF); 3 (2 light phase, 1 dark phase), CarlL-C, 29 Dec (DMK); 3 (2 light phase,1 dark phase), Rckfd, 3 Jan (DTW); 3, *Rock Island*, 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.). **Others:** Glacial Park (McHenry Co) (2), 5 Jan (BJS); Lake ForestB (Lake Co) (2), 31 Dec (GG); *Carroll* (2), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); *Whiteside* (2), 24 Dec (SBH, THr, m.ob.); Pecatonica, 28 Feb (DTW); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (dark morph), 25 Dec (RBs); Nachusa (2), 1 Jan (ASt); Montrose, 25 Dec (GAW et al.); Chi (NorthterlyI), 30 Dec (AFS); LCal (light phase), 8 Feb (WJM); GLPSNA, 12 Feb (PAM); *Henry*, 4 Jan (KJM); BRSF (light phase), 20 Jan (EWW); Penn Twp (Stark Co), 6 Jan (DJM); Hopedale Twp (Tazewell Co) (ad ♂), 23 Dec (MJW, APC); PittsfieldL (Pike Co) (light phase), 20 Jan (EWW); EForkL, 1 Jan (CLH); *Edwards*, 4,25 Jan (RES, CLH); *Edwards* (dark phase), 29 Jan (RES). Many other reports of 1-2 birds in northern ½ of state.

Golden Eagle

Lost Mound (ad), 14 Dec & 19 Jan (DTW, DBJ & DTW resp); IBSP (ad), 10 Dec< (EWW); WhalonL (ad), 14 Dec, 2 Jan (JAS, MAM, m.ob.); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (ad), 27 Dec (DHh); Franklin Creek SNA (Lee Co) (imm), 16 Dec (EWW); KankakeeR SP (imm), 18 Feb (JBH); Emiquon (ad), 27 Dec & Chau (ad; likely same bird), 8 Jan (KBR); LSpfld (ad chased off by BAEA), 17 Feb (HDB); New City (Sangamon Co) (2nd), 25 Dec (HDB); CarlL-F, 23 Feb (*DMK); KLMSNA, 16 Feb (C&PD); BaileyWet (imm), 25 Feb (CLH).

American Coot

MC: 600, MissR (Whiteside Co), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); 400, CarlL-C, 30 Dec,2,5-6 Jan (DMK); 232, LCal, 10 Dec (WJM); 150, MermetL, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); 125, RRR, 17 Feb (KAM); 103, RendL, 8 Dec (KAM); 100, Universal Mine (Edgar Co), 26 Jan (DG et al.). **Others:** LostMound (125), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); ThirdL (Lake Co) (90), 5 Jan (DRD); MissR (Rock Island Co) (75), 16 Dec (KJM, TM, BA); LSpfld (65, 60, 50), 14 Feb, 24 Dec & 31 Jan resp (HDB); FoxR (Carpentersville to Oswego, Kane Co) (63), 16 Feb (EES); CONWR (55), 6 Dec (KAM); Chann (50), 19 Jan (AFS, JRS); ClintonL (49), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); BraidwoodL (45), 13 Jan (JBH); KankakeeD (9 & 14 & 38), 14 Dec, 22 Jan & 6 Jan & 6 Feb resp (JBH); ShabbonaL (37), 2 Feb (ASA); Wauk (31), 10 Dec (AFS); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (31), 26 Jan (SDB, BJS); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (31), 16 Dec (fide GAW); NPM (23 & 18), 1 Dec & 27 Jan (AFS & EWW resp); LCal (leucistic), 1 Dec-4 Feb (*WJM, SBB:ph).

Sandhill Crane

MC: 300, Thomson, 1 Dec (ASt et al.); 150 & 122, Kankakee, 24 & 21 Dec resp (JBH:ph); 120, DesPlaines (Cook Co), 21 Dec (ABA); 60, Rckfd, 24 Dec (DTW); 50, CarlL-C, 8 Dec (*DMK); 40, *Edwards*, 29 Jan (RES); 38, *Winnebago*, 15 Dec (LGJ); 35, *Wayne*, 6 Dec (RES). **Others:** Lake Villa (Lake Co) (100), 21 Dec (RBs); Wilmette (Cook Co) (50), 4 Dec (KWG); Mundelein (Lake Co) (35), 21 Dec (SDB); MoraineHills (25), 6 Dec (AFS, APS); GreenR (13), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA); Danville (Vermilion Co) (11), 19 Feb> (JR); Arlington Heights (Cook Co) (10), 13 Jan (JLh); EForkL (9), 21 Dec (CLH); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (5), 16 Dec (fide GAW); *Pulaski* (5), 24 Feb (*KAM); Bowes Crk Wds FP (Kane Co) (3), 20 Dec (SS); BaileyWet (3), 25 Feb (CLH); LostMound (2), 14 Jan (DTW, DBJ); QC (2), 16 Dec (BLB, CB); LVerm (2; overwintering nesting pr), 1 Jan (JR); UCCA (2), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK). **Note:** Satelite transmitters attached to 40 SACRs that either nested/hatched in McHenry or Lake counties, were found to make the flight from their northeastern Illinois breeding territories to Jasper-Pulaski, IN (one of the major eastern US staging areas for the species), in just under 4 hours. The interesting finding: many of those birds made the flight back and forth between the two sites 4 or 5 times or more this fall/winter (BSl, JMF)!

American Avocet

Emiquon (ThompsonL) (2), 1-14 Dec (KBR, TW, CD:ph et al.). Only Illinois's 2nd December record.

Killdeer

MC: **120**, CarlL-C, 22 Feb (DMK); **110**, *Wayne*, 8 Dec (CLH); **69**, LSpfld, 20 Dec (HDB); 9, Fermi, 18 Dec (PAM, AFS); 7, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, BLB, CB). **Others:** HL (61), 15 Dec (FRH); UCCA (42), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Alexander* (41), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); *Randolph* (38), 17 Dec (GHy); RendL (25), 15 Dec (KAM); Woodford Co CA (13), 2 Dec (TH); *St. Clair* (10), 28 Jan> (TJD); Chau (8), 9 Dec (EWW); LBloom (7), 30 Jan (LA); *Pulaski* (7), 24 Feb (KAM); JEPC (6), 17 Feb (CS); Quincy (MissR, Adams Co) (5), 18 Feb (PJR); *Coles* (5), 26 Feb (TDF); KankakeePks (4), 5-10 Jan (JBH); MermetL (4), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); Sangchris SP (Sangamon Co) (1-3 wintered) (HDB); *Montgomery* (3), 17 Feb (KAM); *Richland* (3), 14, 20 Jan (RES, CLH); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (2), 16 Dec (fide GAW); Hampton (Rock Island Co) (2), 15 Jan (KJM); L&D 13, 5 Jan (ASt); *Woodford*, 5 Jan (PF); Urbana, 7 Feb > (GSL); *Edwards*, 20, 29 Jan (RES); Greenville (Bond Co), 2 Feb > (EWW).

Spotted Sandpiper

FtMSP, **30 Dec** (*KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg). Only the 7th Illinois winter season record.

Lesser Yellowlegs

RendL, 15 Dec (DDM, LWS); HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM).

Dunlin

RendL (4), 15 Dec (DDM, LWS); NewtonL (3), 4-18 Dec (CLH); UCCA (2), **29 Dec** (SDB, PAM); CBG, 2 Dec (MH); Chau, 9 Dec (EWW); SangchrisL (Sangamon Co), 4 Dec (HDB).

Least Sandpiper

MC: **54**, RendL, 15 Dec (DDM, LWS); 14, NewtonL, 2 Dec (CLH); 9, Chau, 9 Dec (EWW); CarlL-C (2), **1, 6 Jan** (*DMK). **Others:** MeredosiaL (Morgan Co) (7), 14 Dec (fide TW); Fermi (1-3), **13 - 22 Dec** (PAM, AFS, MW, *ASA); Quincy (Adams Co), 2 Dec (PJR); Lick Crk (Sangamon Co), 20 Dec (HDB); Spunky Bottoms Pr (Brown

Co), 14 Dec (MML); *Jasper*, **3 Jan** (RES). Easily the most detections, at the most locations, and some of the highest numbers and latest occurrences for this rare winter season visitor.

Wilson's Snipe

MC: 160, RendL, 12 Dec (LWS); **65**, CarlL-C, 29,31 Dec,1 Jan (DMK); 47, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 15, Quincy (Adams Co), 2 Dec (PJR); L&D 13 (4-5), 4-8 Jan (DTW, DHh, ASt). **Others:** MermetL (8), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); BaileyWet (7), 2,8 Dec (CLH); Chau (4), 9 Dec (EWW); NewtonL (4), 8 Jan (CLH); LSpfld (3), 13 Dec, w/one until 23 Dec (HDB); *Union* (3), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); QC (2), 16 Dec (BLB, CB); CBG, 3 Dec (AFS, JRS); *Whiteside*, 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (fide GAW); MArb, 1 Jan (AFS); Springbrk, 30 Jan (JAS); PrRdg-J, 18 Dec (CLH); EForkL, 2, 3 Jan (CLH).

American Woodcock

MC: 12, CarlL-C, 9 Feb (DMK); 7, Peabody, 28 Feb > (TJD); 5, *Edwards*, 24 Feb > (RES); 2, McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co), 14 Feb > (PAM). **Others:** Rock Springs Pk (St. Clair Co) (4), 10 Feb > (KAM); NoP, 14 Feb > (MDn); Charleston (Coles Co), 17 Feb > (TDF); Mode (Shelby Co), 12 Feb > (KAF); PrRdg-J, 8 Feb > (SAS).

Bonaparte's Gull

MC: 3000, RendL-F, 15 Dec (DMK); 3000, CarlL-C, 21 Dec (DMK); 300, LSpfld, 1 Dec (HDB); 133, BaldwinL, 16 Feb (TJD). **Others:** ClintonL (34), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); CharlestonL (Coles Co) (15), 11 Dec (TDF); ShelbyvilleL (Fishhook WMA, Moultrie Co) (10), 1 Jan (TDF); LSpfld, (8), 1 Jan (HDB); NewtonL (8), 3 Jan (CLH); EvergreenL (Bloomington, McLean Co) (2), 13 Dec (TH); Chi (BurnhamH), 3 Dec (DFS); LVerm, 1 Jan (fide SDB); Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co), 14 Dec (MML); HL, 9 Dec (FRH).

Franklin's Gull

Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (ad alt plum), 13 Feb (JRS, AFS); LSpfld (ad alt plum w/some pink on breast), 1 Feb (HDB). 1st Feb county record.

Ring-billed Gull

MC: 80,000, CarlL-C, 2-3 Feb (DMK); 6000, LSpfld, 22 Dec (HDB); 5321, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 2000, RendL-F, 15 Dec (DMK); 760, LCal, 17 Feb (WJM, SBB); 95, LVerm, 1 Jan (SDB et al.). **Others:** Chi (Montrose to BurnhamH) (650), 25 Dec (GAW et al.); MissR (Carroll & Whiteside Cos) (535), 19 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); Hamp-ton (Rock Island Co) (200), 15 Jan (KJM); RockR (Whiteside Co) (130), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); Chau (85), 9 Dec (EWW); MissR (Mercer Co) (38), 31 Dec (DJA, TM, m.ob.); Wauk (25), 1 Jan (DRD, EL).

California Gull

LCF (ad), 9-10 Dec (JH:ph et al.); LoyolaB, Chi (3rd), 22 Dec (SGS:ph); CarlL-C (ad), 20 Jan, 3 Feb (KAM, *DMK).

Herring Gull

MC: 1400, LCal, 20 Feb (WJM); 1000, NPM, 28 Dec,16 Feb (KAM); 600, CarlL-C, 21,27 Jan (DMK); 50, RendL, 18 Jan (KAM). **Others:** LCF (800), 12 Dec (AFS); Chi (Montrose to BurnhamH) (717), 25 Dec (GAW et al.); Rock FallsD (RockR, Whiteside Co) (650), 12 Jan (DFS); LSpfld (150), 5 Jan (HDB); MissR (Rock Island Co) (142), 16 Dec (KJM, BLB, CB); UCCA (4), 1 Jan (KAM); FtMSP (4), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg). **Hybrid:** NPM (ad "Nelsons"), 16 Feb (AAA et al.).

Second cycle Thayer's Gull. North Point Marina, Lake County. 16 February 2013. Photo by Amar Ayyash.

Third cycle "Kumlien's" Iceland Gull. North Point Marina, Lake County. 16 February 2013. Photo by Amar Ayyash.

Second cycle "Kumlien's" Iceland Gull. North Point Marina, Lake County. 16 February 2013. Photo by Sam Burckhardt.

California Gull. Loyola Beach, Chicago, Cook County. 22 December 2012. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Thayer's Gull

MC: 11 (all ages), NPM, 16 Feb (AAA:ph, m.ob.:ph); 4 (ad), Montrose, 26 Dec (RDH); 4 (2 ad, 2 1st), Rock FallsD (RockR, Whiteside Co), 9-12 Jan (DTW, DFS); 4 (3 ad,1 1st), LCal, 9 Feb (WJM, AG, EDG, EG). **Others:** LCF (2 ad), 12 Dec (AFS); FoxR (JudsonU, Kane Co) (1st), 16 Feb (EES); MissR (Rock Island Co) (1st), 16 Dec (KJM); LSpfld (2nd & ad), 31 Dec & 27 Jan resp (HDB); CarlL-C (ad), 22 Dec, 27 Feb (*DMK, *CPA).

Iceland Gull

MC: 5 (2 ad, 1st, 2nd, 3rd "Kumlien's", 16 Fen (EG, AG); 4 (3 ad & 1 3rd "Kumlien's"), NPM, 20 Jan (RDH, KKM). **Others:** LCF (ad & 1st "Kumlien's" & 1st), 12 & 15 Dec (AFS & AWS resp); Chi (MonroeH) (ad "Kumlien's"), 25 Dec (GAW et al.); PeoriaL (Tazewell Co) (1st), 2 Dec (MJW, TH); MissR (Adams Co), 21 Dec (AMR); Rock FallsD (RockR, Whiteside Co) (1st), 9-20 Jan (DTW, DFS); LCal (ad "Kumlien's"), 10 Jan (WJM); Ottawa (US Silica Quarry, LaSalle Co) (imm), 23 Jan (MJW).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

MC: 5, LCF, 10 Dec (MDn); 5 (4 ad,1 1st), Rock FallsD (RockR, Whiteside Co), 5-12 Jan (DTW, DHh, DFS m.ob.); 4, NPM, 26 Dec

(DFS); 4 (2 ad, 2 1st), CarlL-C, 21 Jan (*DMK); 2 (ad), LSpfld, 1 Jan, but 1 there Dec-Feb (HDB). **Others:** Rckfd 2 (ad,1 1st), 21-22 Dec (DTW, BCW); LCF (2 & 1), 11 & 15 Dec (MM & AWS resp); LCal (2 (ad, 1 1st), 24 Feb (WJM, RE, m.ob.); MissR (Whiteside Co) (ad), 21 Jan (EWW); MissR (L&D 14, Rock Island Co) (ad & 3rd), 10 Feb (JAS et al.); StarvedRock (L&D), 8 Jan (MJM); Chau, 8 Dec (TW, CD); MissR (Adams Co), 3 Feb (AMR, PJR); LSpfld (1st), 22 Jan – 3 Feb (HDB); HL, 30 Dec < (FRH); RendL (1st), 18 Jan, 5 Feb (*KAM, LWS).

Glaucous Gull

MC: 7 (4 ad, 2 1st, 1 unk), NPM, 20 Jan (RDH, KKM); 3 (2 ad,1 2nd), LCal, 8 Feb (WJM); 2 (1st & 2nd), PeoriaL (Tazewell Co), 16-17 Dec (MJWph, PF et al.); 2, MissR (Adams Co), 3 Feb (AMR, PJR); 2 (1 1st,1 2nd), CarlL-C, 9-10,22 Feb (*DMK); 2 (1ad,1 1st), & 2 (1st) NPM, 16 Feb & 25 Dec (KAM & AFS resp); 2 (1 1st, 1 2nd), LCal, 24 Feb (WJM, NJT). **Others:** Rock FallsD (Rock River, Whiteside Co) (1st), 9-12 Jan (DTW, DHh et al.); MissR (L&D 14), Rock Island Co) (1st), 10 Feb (JAS et al.); LoyolaB, Chi (1st), 22 Dec (SGS:ph); Ottawa (US Silica Quarry, LaSalle Co) (imm), 11-27 Jan (TH, MJW).

Adult Glaucous Gull. North Point Marina, Lake County. 16 Feburary 2013. Photo by Sam Burckhardt.

Great Black-backed Gull

Wauk (2), 10 Feb (JWL); Chi (Calumet Pk) (2), 5 Jan (SBB); MissR (Rock Island Co) (2nd), 1 Dec,10 Feb (KJM, JAS, UWG, m.ob.); Gillson (1st), 2 Dec (JDW); Chi (MonroeH) (4th), 25 Dec (GAW et al.); LCal (ad), 19, 25 Jan, 8 Feb (WJM); LSpfld (1st), 21 Feb (HDB:ph). **Hybrid**: Great Black-backed x Herring, NPM, 16 Feb (AAA:ph, m.ob.).

Great Black-backed Gull x Herring Gull hybrid. North Point Marina, Lake County. 16 Feburary 2013. Photo by Amar Ayyash.

Forster's Tern

MC: **12**, RendL, 15 Dec (DDM, LWS). **Others:** CarlL-C (3), 2 Dec (*DMK).

Rock Pigeon

MC: 1550, QC, 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); 502, *Whiteside & Lee*, 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); 450, KankakeeD, 14 Dec (JBH); 400, CarlL-C, 8 Dec (DMK); 122, Urbana, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK). **Others:** Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (452), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); *Rock Island* (139), 5 Jan (CDM, JLM, CMn, m.ob.); Chi (Irving Park Rd Cems & Des PlainesR) (127), 16 Dec (AFS, DBJ, MAM); Danville (Vermilion Co) (110), 1 Jan (SDB); *Carroll & Whiteside* (80), 19 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); *Fulton & McDonough* (73), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); *Mercer* (62), 31 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); WilmingtonD (Will Co) (50), 13 Jan (JBH).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 80, *Whiteside & Lee*, 24 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); 59, *e.Knox*, 14 Dec (fide DJM); 33, Geneseo (Henry Co), 26 Jan (SBH); 18, Sang, 12 Feb (HDB); 15, Chebanse (Kankakee Co), 4 Feb (BH); 14, Aurora (Kane Co), 13 Jan (ASA); 13, ClintonL, 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 12, CarlL-C, 16 Dec (DMK). **Others:** Allen Twp (LaSalle Co) (20), 27 Dec (REF, KDF, UWG); Arcola (12), 30 Dec (ASA); Holcomb (Ogle Co) (10), 19-22 Dec (DTW); *Mercer* (10), 5 Jan (CDM, JLM, CMn); Auburn (Sangamon Co) (10), 12 Jan (TR); Putnam (Putnam Co) (9), 8 Dec (DFS); Hahnaman (Whiteside Co) (8), 24 Dec (SBH); *Henry* (8), 8 Dec (EWW); Morris (Grundy Co) (8), 8 Dec (DFS); Bushnell (McDonough Co) (8), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); Lodge (Piatt Co) (8), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *DeKalb* (7), 13 Feb (PAM); Peabody (7), 5 Jan (TJD); *Monroe* (7), 5 Jan (C&PD); Kaneville (Kane Co) (6), 22 Jan (MM); *Carroll* (5), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (3), 14 Dec (MML); *Washington* (3), 1 Jan (KAM); Ware (Union Co) (3), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); Hebron (McHenry Co) (2), 16 Feb (KAM); Westchester (Cook Co) (2), 24 Feb (DFS); New Windsor (Mercer Co) (2), 4 Jan (KJM); BraidwoodL (Will Co) (2), 22 Jan (JBH); Frederick (Schuyler Co) (2), 9 Dec (EWW); Pana (Christian Co) (2), 16-23 Feb (BLd); RendL-F (2), 15 Dec (KAM, DMK); Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 27 Dec (AFS, APS); Norway (LaSalle Co), 31 Jan (AFS); Decatur, 2 Dec (TAM).

Mourning Dove

MC: **1602**, QC, 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); 704, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 580, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (DJA, TM, m.ob.); 229, *Pulaski*, 28 Dec (JAS, JIN); 224, *Rock Island*, 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); 200, CarlL-C, 30 Dec,6 Jan (DMK); 152, ClintonL, 7 Dec (MEF). **Others:** *Whiteside & Lee* (151), 24 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); *McDonough & Fulton* (126), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); *Alexander* (117), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); *Cook* (111), 16 Dec (WJM, SBB, CDH); Sang (93), 6 Dec (HDB); RendL-F (80), 15 Dec (DMK); *Bureau* (65), 8 Dec (EWW); *Vermilion* (55), 1 Jan (SDB); Chann (50), 5 Jan (KAM); Wauk (44), 1 Dec (AFS); Nachusa (44), 16 Dec (EWW).

Barn Owl

PrRdg-M, 5 Jan (CLH); ***DuPage***, 30 Jan-27 Feb (JAS) "roosting in a nest box"; *Putnam*, 8 Dec – 4 Jan (DFS); **Ark**, 4 Feb (*KAM).

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 25, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 14, *n. Vermilion*, 1 Jan (SDB); 11, *Rock Island*, 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); 9, *Lee & Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); 7, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (SDB); 7, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 3, *Fulton*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA). **Others:** *Mercer* (8), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Cook* (5), 16 Dec (CAT); *Lake* (4), 26 Jan (SDB, BJS); Des PlainesR Trail (Lake Co) (4), 1 Jan (PP); HL (4), 15 Dec (FRH); *Carroll* (4), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); *Rock Island* (4), 20 Dec (KJM); *DuPage* (4), 16 Dec (CAT); Limestone Twp (Kankakee Twp) (4), 29 Dec (DFS); UCCA (4), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); Nachusa (3), 15 Dec (EWW); QC (3), 16 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); KArb (3), 22 Dec (DTW, RCe); Wilmington Twp (Will Co) (3), 5 Jan (JAS, MAM); Sang (3), 23 Dec (HDB); Ryerson (2), 8 Feb (SDB); FtMSP (2), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); CarlL-C (2), 17 Feb (DMK).

Great Horned Owl

MC: 21, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 14, *Rock Island*, 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); 12, *Lee & Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); 9, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 7, *Fulton & McDonough*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); 5, BannerM, 14 Dec (EC); 5, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (SDB); 3, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA). **Others:** *Putnam & Bureau* (10), 22 Dec (DFS); *Carroll & Whiteside* (8), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (5), 20 Dec (KJM, EA, RN); Cap Sauers FP (Cook Co) (5), 24 Feb (NB); *Mercer* (5), 4 Jan (KJM); Thorn Crk NP (Will Co) (5), 17 Feb (SZ); BeallWds (5), 16 Dec (ES); Waukegan Twp (Lake Co) (4), 1 Jan (BJS, JSS); ClintonL (4), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Ryerson (3), 8 Feb (SDB); *n.Vermilion* (3), 1 Jan (SDB); Shirland (Winnebago Co) (2), 12 Jan (DTW); CarlL-C (2), 17 Feb (DMK); *Hamilton* (2), 18 Jan (KAM). Numerous reports of 1-2 birds statewide.

Snowy Owl with American Crows. Northerly Island, Chicago, Cook County. 26 January 2013. Photo by Scott Ellis.

Snowy Owl

Chi (Northerly I) (2), 26 Jan (EE, SRE:ph); Clinton Twp (DeKalb Co), 13-25 Feb (AS, KML, PAM et al.); Joliet (Will Co), 18 Dec (CMA); Secor (Woodford Co), 17 Dec (MMr); Lexington Twp (McLean Co), 5-9 Dec (TL:ph, *MEF, PF, m.ob.); Douglas Twp (Iroquois Co), 8 Dec (GRS:ph); *Mason*, 5 Dec (KJM); Humboldt Twp (Coles Co), 24-25 Jan (TDF, RB).

Barred Owl

MC: 27, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 23, *Rock Island*, 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); 19, *e. Knox*, 14 Dec (DJM et al.); 12, *Franklin*, 2 Feb (LWS); 11, *Union*, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 7, ClintonL, 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK). **Others:** *Alexander* (6), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); LostMound (5), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); *Carroll* (5), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); *n. Vermilion* (5), 1 Jan (SDB); *Hamilton* (5), 4 Dec (LWS); Winnebago (4), 22 Dec (CAT); QC (4), 16 Dec (CDM, JLM); RendL (4), 15 Dec (KAM); BeallWds (4), 16 Dec (ES); *Massac* (4), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (3), 19 Dec (SDB); Sang (3), 24 Feb (HDB); Bliss Wds FP (Kane Co) (2), 17 Feb (LY); *Whiteside* (2), 24 Dec (SBH, THr); Geneseo Twp (Henry Co) (2), 18 Feb (SBH); Downs (McLean Co) (2), 4 Feb (SRA); Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 26 Jan - 16 Feb (SDB, BJS); Tekakwitha Wds FP (Kane Co), 25 Feb (ASA, JLe); Johnsons Mound FP (Kane Co), 19 Jan (BL); Oakhurst FP (Kane Co), 20 Jan (ASA); Hoover FP (Kendall Co), 8-19 Jan (MM, ASA, LGt); Shuh Shuh Gah FP (Kendall Co), 18 Feb (ASA, LGt); CapSauers FP (Cook Co), 24 Feb (NB); St. Mihiel Wds-East FP (Cook Co), 23 Feb (MMC, EG, AG); Plum Crk FP (Cook Co), 9 Feb (CAT, TLK); Mokena FP (Will Co), 5 Jan (JHk); Raccoon Grove FP (Will Co), 17 Feb (JAS); Urbana, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL); Decatur (Macon Co), 20 Feb (TAM).

Long-eared Owl

MC: 20 (3 roosts), LostMound, 13-14 Dec (SDB, DTW, EA, RN); 3, *Lee & Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); 3, Kansas Twp (Woodford Co), 7 Jan – 6 Feb (MEF:ph et al.). **Others:** Stickney Run FP (McHenry Co) (2 & 4), 13 & 14 Feb (SDB & DC resp); *Coles* (2-3), 30 Jan- 2 Feb (TDF); Chi (2; 1 @ Grant Pk & Burnham Pk), 25 Dec (GAW); *Mercer* (2), 31 Dec (CDM, JLM); SpringL SFWA (Tazewell Co) (2), 16 Jan (MJW); Wauconda Twp (Lake Co), 12 Feb (SDB); Western Springs (Cook Co), 27 Dec – 24 Feb (FRM m.ob.); Chi (Keystone Pk), 5 Jan (SBB); *Rock Island*, 26 Dec (CDM, JLM, MMn); *e. Knox*, 14 Dec (fide DJM); ClintonL, 1 Feb (MEF); KSP (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (MML, DW); KCP, 24 Feb (GSL, Tvk).

Long-eared Owl. Coles County. 1 February 2013. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Short-eared Owl

MC: 7, Shirland (Winnebago Co), 15 Dec-12 Jan (MHK, DTW, BCW); 7, Peabody, 13 Jan (TJD); 6, Springbrk, 15 Feb (JAS); 6, Bartel, 13 Jan (AG, EG, EDG); 3, Universal Mine (Edgar Co), wintered (MC:ph); 3, CarlL-C, 29 Dec (*DMK). **Others:** GLPSNA (4), 12 Feb (PAM); RollinsSav (3), 9 Jan (JSg); Midewin (3), 8 Feb (JAS, MAM); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (2), 16 Dec (fide GAW); Tinley Crk Wetlands (Cook Co) (2), 15 Jan (WJM); *e. Knox* (2), 14 Dec (fide DJM); *Richland* (2), 8 Jan (CLH, RES);

Short-eared Owl. Universal Mine, Edgar County. 12 December 2012. Photo by Marilyn Campbell.

Waukegan Savanna FP (Lake Co), 6 Dec (EWW); Chi (MonroeH), 5 Jan (MMC); Emiquon, 8 Dec (EWW); SpringL Twp (Tazewell Co) (1 & 2), 27-28 Dec & 7 Jan resp (KBR); Gridley Twp (McLean Co), 27 Dec (BM:ph); Philo Twp (Champaign Co), 3 Jan (CCC); Tolono Twp (Champaign Co), 31 Dec – 2 Jan (SR); *Edwards*, 20 Feb (RES).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

MC: 17, SRSF, 8 Dec (EWW); 11, CONWR, 22 Jan (LWS); 5, Lost Nation GC & Lowden (Ogle Co), 15 Dec (EWW); 5, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (fide GAW). **Others:** GreenR (2), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA); ClintonL (2), 7 Dec-8 Feb (MEF:ph, SDB, GSL, RK:ph et al.:ph); Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co) (2), 1 Jan (MML, DW); KArb, 22 Dec (DTW, RCe); ElizabethL (McHenry Co), 2 Dec (EWW); Wauk CBC, 1 Jan (fide DBJ); Savanna (Carroll Co), 2 Dec (DTW); ShabbonaL, 2 Dec (EWW); FoxR Fen NP (Kane Co), 13 Feb (SF); MArb, 12 Dec (EWW); Bartel, 23-24 Feb (JAS, NB et al.); Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co) (dead on Tower Rd), 9-17 Dec (**MF); *Rock Island*, 20 Dec (KJM); Wilmington Twp (Will Co), 5 Jan (JAS); *Mercer*, 31 Dec – 4 Jan (KJM, SBH); LTFP, 5 Jan (KJM); *e. Knox*, 14 Dec (fide DJM); Normal (McLean Co), 15 Jan (BM); Middlefork Twp (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (SDB); SlelbyvilleD (Shelby Co), 16 Dec (TDF); Bruce (Moultrie Co), 4 Jan (TAM); RendL, 15 Dec (KAM); CarlL-F, 17 Feb (DMK).

Rufous Hummingbird

Rckfd (imm ♀), 1-31 Dec (*VMK, *JL, SAn, DTW, m.ob.) "banded by VMK"; *Logan* (ad ♂), 1-22 Jan (*VMK, *SCn, SAr, MAr) "banded by VMK"; Valmeyer (Monroe Co) (imm ♀), 27 Dec-13 Feb (*VMK, *ARg, YBt, DBt, m.ob.) "banded by VMK".

Belted Kingfisher

MC: 22, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 13, QC, 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); 6, Danville (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (BS); 4, CarpentersvilleD (Kane Co) (3 ad), 31 Dec (BL); 4, Rockvale Twp (Ogle Co), 16 Dec (DHh); 4, *Lee & Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.). **Others:** *Carroll* (3), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); Chann (3), 12 Feb (LY); SpringL SFWA (Tazewell Co) (3), 28 Jan (EC); Sang (3), 22 & 23 Dec (HDB); Catlin Twp (Vermilion Co) (3), 16 Feb (JCn); MissR (Alexander Co) (3), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); FtMSP (3), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg).

Red-headed Woodpecker

MC: 46, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); 39, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN); 22, Goodenow Grove FP (Will Co), 16 Feb (ATs); 8, Sand Prairie – Scrub Oak NP (Mason Co), 27 Dec (TLk); 10, Lowden SP (Ogle Co), 16 Feb (RA); 10, Beecher (Will Co), 13 Feb (BBn). **Others:** FtMSP (19), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); Alexander (16), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Olin NP (Madison Co) (10), 19

Immature female Rufous Hummingbird. Monroe County. 6 February 2013. Photo by Carolyn Schlueter.

Jan (MMc); *St. Clair* (8), 10 Feb (TJD); *Mercer* (6), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); CarlL-C (6), 9 Feb (DMK); QC (5), 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); Dixon (Lowell Pk, Lee Co) (5), 12-19 Jan (CAT, RA); RendL (5), 15 Dec (KAM); BeallWds (5), 16 Dec (ES); Fort Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (4), 1 Jan (RWC); *Rock Island* (4), 5 Jan (CDM, JLM, CMn, KJM); LostMound (3), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); *Rock Island* (3; 2 ad, imm), 20 Dec (KJM). Many other reports of 1-3 birds statewide.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

MC: 134, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 88, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 82, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg, m.ob.); 39, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 39, *Fulton & McDonough*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA). **Others:** *Mercer* (79), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Rock Island* (59), 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); *Carroll & Whiteside* (38), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); *Whiteside & Lee* (35), 24 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); *Union* (24), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (18), 19 Dec (SDB); Sang (16), 23 Dec (HDB).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

MC: 37, *Union*, 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK, m.ob.); 35, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 4, QC, 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); 3, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (KJM, SBH); 3, LTFP, 5 Jan (KJM). **Others:** *Massac* (22), 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN); FtMSP (12), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); RendL-F (4), 15 Dec (DMK); Sang (1-2), wintered (HDB); BeallWds (2), 4 Jan (CLH); CarlL-C (2), 17 Feb (DMK); LostMound, 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); Zion (Lake Co) (ad ♂), 3 Dec-21 Feb (EWW); *Carroll*, 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); WaterfallGlen, 20 Jan (JAS m.ob.); MArb (♀), 4 Dec (AFS); GreenR (imm), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA); Batavia (Kane Co) (imm), 26 Jan – 25 Feb (CLC); AndaSl (imm), 26 Dec (KJM); Kankakee (imm ♂), 15 Dec-1 Feb (JBH); KankakeePks, 8 Dec (JBH); Aroma Park (Kankakee Co), 15 Feb (JBH); *e.Knox*, 14 Dec (fide DJM); *Fulton* (imm), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); Urbana, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); HomerL FP (Champaign Co), 24 Feb (GSL, Tvk); Allerton Pk (Piatt Co), 1 Dec (SR et al.); WCCA, 1 Jan (KAM).

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 235, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 119, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 90, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 71, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 49, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg). **Others:** *Carroll & Whiteside* (69), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); *Rock Island* (58), 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); *Lee & Whiteside* (50), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); *Fulton & McDonough* (37), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); *Union* (29), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (19), 19 Dec (SDB).

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 82, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 33, QC, 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); 33, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); 11, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 10, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); 7, *Fulton & McDonough*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA). **Others:** *Mercer* (20), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Rock Island* (16), 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); *Lee & Whiteside* (12), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); *Union* (12), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Lake* (10), 26 Jan (SDB, BJS); ClintonL (6), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); LostMound (5), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (5), 19 Dec (SDB).

Northern Flicker

MC: 79, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN, m.ob.); 62, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 21, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 17, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.). **Others:** *Union* (52), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK, m.ob.); *Pulaski* (21), 28 Dec (JAS, JIN); Peabody (15), 16 Feb (TJD); Sang (12), 10 Feb (HDB); TwoRivers (12), 17 Feb > (EWW); CarlL (10), 21 Dec (KAM); *Lee & Whiteside* (9), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA m.ob.); Kankakee (9), 29 Dec (JBH); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (9), 6 Jan (GHy); RendL (9), 15 Dec (KAM); LostMound (8), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); *Carroll* (8), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM m.ob.); AndaSl (8), 26 Dec (KJM); *Rock Island* (8), 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); BeallWds (8), 16 Dec (ES); *Monroe* (8), 15 Dec (C&PD); DPCA (7), 19 Jan (DFS); GLPSNA (6), 12 Feb (PAM); *Fulton* (5), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); MacinawR SFWA (Tazewell Co) (5), 23 Feb (DH); *Vermilion* (5), 1 Jan (SDB). Numerous reports of 1-3 birds statewide.

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 35, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg m.ob.); 15, *e.Knox*, 14 Dec (fide DJM m.ob.); 15, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 12, *Vermilion*, 24 Feb (GSL, Tvk); 10, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (KJM, SBH m.ob.); 7, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (SDB). **Others:** *Union* (22), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); QC (8), 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); *Rock Island* (8), 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); Rckfd (6), 15 Dec (DTW); *Adams* (5), 15 Dec (AMR, PJR); *St. Clair* (5), 17 Feb (TJD); Geneseo (Henry Co) (4), 14 Dec (SBH); Allerton Pk (Piatt Co) (4), 1 Dec (SR et al.); *Champaign* (2 @ Sydney & 2 @ HomerL), 2 Dec (MPW); Salt Crk WdS NP (Cook Co) (3), 8 Dec (DFS); *Carroll* (3), 19 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co) (3), 16 Dec (RCe); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (3), 16 Dec (fide GAW); Oregon (Ogle Co) (2), 16 Dec (DTW, BCW, KKh); LowdMil (2), 19 Dec (DTW); Spears Wds FP (Cook Co) (pr), 10 Jan (AFS); RockCut, 26 Dec (DTW); ShabbonaL (♀), 23 Dec (AS:ph); GreenR, 24 Dec (KJM, DJA); WaterfallGlen, 20 Jan (JAS m.ob.); KankakeeR SP, 24 Jan (JBH).

American Kestrel

MC: 23, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN, m.ob.); 20, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); 19, QC, 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); 15, *s. McLean*, 19 Dec (APC, GH); 13, *Tazewell*, 23 Dec (MJW, APC); 12, CarlL-C, 8 Dec, 22 Feb (DMK). **Others:** *Rock Island* (13), 26 Dec (CDM, JLM, MMn, KJM); *Woodford & McLean* (MackinawR corridor) (12), 30 Dec (MEF, MJW et al.); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (11), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); *St. Clair* (11), 17 Dec (GHy); *Alexander* (11), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); *Pulaski* (11), 28 Dec (JAS, JIN); *Coles* (9), 11 Dec (TDF); *Monroe* (9), 15 Dec (C&PD); *Carroll & Whiteside* (8), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); *Lee & Whiteside* (8), 24 Dec (CDM, MMn, m.ob.); LCal (7), 29 Dec (WJM, CDH, MLB); *Coles* (7), 2 Feb (EWW); Sang (7), 1 & 5 Jan (HDB); *Fulton & McDonough* (6), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); *Union* (6), 1 Jan (KAM); *Christian* (6), 19 Jan (KAM); *McHenry* (5), 7 Dec (PWS); *LaSalle* (5), 14 Dec (TH); *w. Kankakee* (5), 19 Dec (JBH); *Logan* (5), 17 Feb (KAM); *Randolph* (5), 17 Dec (GHy).

Merlin

MC: 2, Chi (Rosehill Cem) (see below); 2, *Cook*, 16 Feb (*ASA, JLe); 2, Seven Hickory Twp (Coles Co), 18 Dec & 18-29 Jan but 1 there 12 Dec-25 Feb (RB:ph, TDF m.ob.). **Others:** LostMound, 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); Thomson, 1 Dec (ASt et al.); Rckfd (♀ "columbarius"), 3 Jan-17 Feb (DTW); Lake Villa (Lake Co), 22-23 Feb (RBs); Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co), 11 Jan (BJS); LCF, 10 Dec (MDn); Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 26 Jan (SDB, BJS); IBSP, 28 Feb (EWW); Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 20 Feb (JZ); Sandwich (DeKalb Co), 17 Feb (KF); Big Rock FP (Kane Co), 24 Feb (ASA:ph); Elgin (Kane Co), 26 Dec (SSr, EES); *Whiteside*, 19 Dec (*KJM, JLM); Niles (St. Adalberts Cem) (Cook Co), 19 Dec & 3 Jan (SBB & JWL resp); Alsip (Cook Co) (chasing a COHA), 3-4 Dec (SF); Chi (Rosehill Cem) (ad ♂), 16 Dec-3 Feb (MDn, JP:ph et al.), but 2 (♂&♀) there 2 & 16 Feb (CDH & JB:ph); Chi (Irving Park

Merlin. Cahokia Mounds, Madison County. 15 December 2012. Photo by Frank Holmes.

Cem), 16 Dec (AFS); Chi (Waldheim Cem), 16 Dec (fide JRS, KML:ph); JP, 29 Dec & 9 Jan (PDn et al. & PRC resp); LCal (O'Brien L&D), 13 Jan (SBB, EG, AG, EDG); Chann, 2 Feb (JAS); KankakeeD, 15 Dec- 26 Jan (JBH:ph); KankakeePks, 29 Dec (JBH); *Hancock*, 21 Dec (AMR); Emiquon, 27 Dec (CD); SpringL Twp (Tazewell Co) ("richardsonii"; chasing HOLAs), 28 & 30 Dec (KBR); Normal (McLean Co), 7 Jan – 20 Feb (GH, BM:ph et al.); Bloomington (McLean Co), 30 Dec (BM, LA); *s. McLean* (ad ♂), 19 Dec (APC, GH); Urbana (imm), 13-19 Dec (NS, AR); Urbana (Woodlawn Cem), 28 Feb (TDF); Sangchris SP (Sangamon Co) (♀), 25 Dec (HDB); Pana (Christian Co), 28 Dec (RL); Sullivan Twp (Moultrie Co), 4 Jan (TAM, TDF et al.); *Madison*, 1 Jan (FRH); CarlL-C, 22 Dec,19 Jan (DMK). Wintering numbers continue to grow.

GYRFALCON

[Chau (gray morph), 5 Dec & 9 Jan.]

Peregrine Falcon

MC: 2, Savanna (Carroll Co), 23 Feb (EGn); 2, Montrose, 29 Jan (LGM); 2, LCal (Eggers Wds), 29 Dec (CDH, WJM, MLB); 2 (ad), LSpfld, 5 Jan, but 1-2 all winter (HDB). **Others:** Grayslake (Lake Co), 26 Feb (SSs); Hinckley (DeKalb Co) (ad), 20 Feb (DTW); Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 23 Feb (DTW); Oakhurst FP (Kane Co), 15 Dec (ASA); Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co), 26 Feb (KWr); Arlington Heights (Cook Co), 17 Feb (SSc); Evanston (Cook Co), 28 Jan (MMC); CBG, 23 Dec (MF); Chi (LoyolaB) (ad), 18 Dec (SGS:ph); Jarvis, 3 Jan (DKA); Chi (Navy Pier) (imm), 25 Dec (GAW et al.); LCal, 29 Dec - 9 Feb (WJM); Bartel, 30 Dec (FRM); MissR (Rock Island Co) (imm), 12 Jan (KJM); LaSalle (LaSalle Co), 24 Feb (SSp); Oswego (Kendall Co), 8 Dec (ASA); LRen, 3 Dec (ASA); KankakeeD, 15 Dec & 6 Jan (JBH:ph); McClugage Bridge, Lower Peoria Lk (Tazewell Co), 8 Dec (KBR); Normal (ISU Campus, McLean Co), 24-26 Dec (GH et al.); Urbana (roosting on dorm building ledge; wintering), 15 Dec – 24 Feb (SDB, GSL, RK et al.); Fairmount Quarry (Vermilion Co) (ad), 2 Dec (MPW); LSpfld (imm), 4 Feb (HDB); ESTL, 19 Dec - 11 Feb (KAM); HL, 12 Jan (FRH); CarlL-C (imm), 20 Jan (*DMK); BaldwinL (ad), 16 Feb (TJD).

Peregrine Falcon.
Savoy, Champaign County.
23 December 2012.
Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Prairie Falcon. Seven Hickory Township, Coles County.
9 January 2013.
Photo by Ron Bradley.

PRAIRIE FALCON

Seven Hickory Twp (Coles Co), 12 Dec - 28 Feb (w/2 birds 17-24 Jan) (TDF, RB:ph m.ob.); Barnhart Pra NP (Champaign Co), 15 Dec (*SDB, GSL, RK); *Edwards*, 25 Jan (*RES); BaileyWet, 6 Feb (*CLH).

Monk Parakeet

MC: 31, LCal (O'Brien L&D), 7 Dec (WJM, MMC); 30, Elmhurst (ComEd Substation, DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GP); 29, Blue Island (Cook Co), 16 Feb (MAW). **Others:** Great Western Tr (DuPage Co) (19), 14 Jan (MM); Chi (Burnham Pk) (15), 10 Jan (SP); Chi (La Rabida Hospital) (14), 6 Dec (DFS); JP (11), 5 Dec (PRC); Chi (McKinley Pk) (10), 8 Dec (JA); Churchill Wds FP (DuPage Co) (12), 13 Feb (JCe); Chi (Hyde Park) (6), 22 Dec (RLS); Chi (McCormick Place) (6), 19 Jan (JDC); Glen Ellyn (ComEd Substation, DuPage Co) (3), 1 Jan (DLe); Chi (Calumet Pk) (3), 6 Dec (DFS); Chi (Oak Park), 18 Feb (KKM).

Eastern Phoebe

MC: 3, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK). **Others:** *Alexander* (2), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Union* (2), 29 Dec (JAS, JIN); OakBot (2), 4 Feb (*KAM); Elsen's Hill (DuPage Co), 2 Jan (DLs); Chi (Douglas Pk), 2 Dec (EDG, AG); Chau, 1 Dec (PB, NS); Walnut Pt. SP (Douglas Co), 23 Dec (UWG, REF); TwoRivers, 8 Jan (BSf); RendL (Wayne Fitzgerrell SP), 8 Dec (KAM); CarlL-C, 21 Dec (RSR); FtMSP, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); MermetL, 18 Jan (*KAM).

Loggerhead Shrike

MC: 4, *Edwards*, 11 Feb (RES). **Others:** BaileyWet (2), all winter (CLH); *Richland* (2), all winter (CLH); PrRdg-J (2), all winter (CLH); *Massac* (2), 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN); *Clay*, all winter (CLH); PrRdg-M, all winter (CLH); *Lawrence*, all winter (CLH); *Wayne*, 12 Dec (RES); Peabody, 20 Jan (TJD); Ark, 4 Feb (*KAM); Fort Russell Twp (Madison Co), 1 Jan (WW); CarlL, 23 Feb (*DMK).

Northern Shrike

MC: 3, LostMound, 14 Dec & 15 Jan (SDB, DTW, DBJ & ASt et al. resp); 3, Rckfd, 15 Dec (DTW); 3, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (fide GAW). **Others:** Wauk & IBSP (No. Unit), 26 Jan (SDB, BJS); IBSP (1-2), 1 Dec - 24 Feb (BJS, EWW); *Lee* (2 ad), 16 Dec (*EWW); GreeneVal (2), 2 Jan (JAS); *e.Knox* (2), 14 Dec (fide DJM); Pecatonica Twp (Winnebago Co), 3 Dec (ASt); RockCut, 15 Jan (DTW); Spring Grove (McHenry Co), 19 Dec (RG); ElizabethL NP (McHenry Co), 5 Jan (RG); Hebron Twp (McHenry Co), 10 Jan (DC); Glacial Park (McHenry Co), 5 Jan (BJS, RG); McHenryD (McHenry Co), 5 Jan (KML et al.); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (brown imm & ad), 1 Jan - 2 Feb & 20 Dec - 21 Feb resp (RBs); NPM, 6 Feb (KA); Stanley Rd. Bog (Lake Co) (ad), 11 Feb (SDB); RollinsSav, 1-5 Jan (NMr, BJS et al.); McDonald Wds FP (Lake Co), 8 Jan (PWS); Libertyville (Canterbury Pk, Lake Co) (calling), 13 Feb (NMr); MidSav, 2 Dec - 16 Feb (BN, BJS); Cuba Marsh FP (Lake Co), 17 Dec-16 Jan (AFS et al.); Nachusa (1 & 2), 8 & 16 Dec (CAT, TLK & fide EWW); Jarrett Prairie NP (Ogle Co), 25 Dec (MS); Bowes Crk Wds FP (Kane Co), 2-20 Dec (SS); Johnson's Mound FP (Kane Co), 20 – 26 Jan (CMa, TLe); Big Rock FP (Kane Co), 4 Dec – 9 Feb (SF, RA); West Chicago ("Pella Ponds", DuPage Co), 17 Dec (JLe); Fermi, 5-22 Dec (DLe); McKeeM NP (DuPage Co), 8 Dec – 23 Feb (GP, DLe et al.); Hawk Hollow FP (DuPage Co), 23 Dec (TJ); HerrickL FP (DuPage Co), 26 - 30 Jan (GP, JCe et al.); Springbrk, 8 Jan - 24 Feb (ASA, JLS); PaulDouglas, 17 Dec (SSc); CBG (imm), 3 Dec (AFS, JRS); Union Grove (Whiteside Co), 16 Feb (DHh); GreenR, 19-24 Jan (MAM); Harmon Twp (Lee Co), 9 Jan (DHh); *Rock Island* (imm), 26 Dec (*KJM); Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 8 Dec (EWW); *Mercer*, 31 Dec (*CDM, JLM); Oswego (Waa Kee Sha Pk, Kendall Co), 15 Feb (ASA); DPCA, 8 Feb (JAS); Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co), 17 Feb (GP); GLPSNA, 19 Dec & 3 Feb (REF, KDF, VS & JAS et al. resp); Lockport (Will Co), 13 Feb (VS); Keepataw FP (Will Co), 16 Dec (PWS); BraidwoodL (Will Co), 18 Jan (JBH); Knoch Knolls Pk (Will Co), 14 Feb (MN); LRen, 20 Dec (ASA); LCal (Deadstick Pond), 4 Feb (WJM, SBB:ph); LCal (EggersM), 10 Dec-25 Jan (WJM); LCal (Indian RidgeM), 9 Feb (WJM et al.); LCal (O'Brien L&D), 25 Jan (WJM); Horseshoe Pond (Marshall Co), 13 Feb (TH); Woodford Co CA, 13 Feb (EC); Kansas Twp (Woodford Co), 6-28 Feb (MJA); BannerM, 17 Feb (LS); Spring Lk SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 9 Feb (MI); Moraine View SP (McLean Co), 24 Feb (SRA); Funks Grove (Sugar Grove NC, McLean Co), 18 Feb (TBn); Wilson Twp & Harp Twp (DeWitt Co) (ad), 22 & 24 Feb (MEF & GSL, Tvk resp). Same bird?; **UCCA**, 29 Dec (*SDB, PAM). Most southerly record ever for this species in Illinois.

Blue Jay

MC: 180, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 159, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 153, *Lee & Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); 120, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 120, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 117, *Fulton & McDonough*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); 80, CarlL-C, 16 Dec (DMK). **Others:** *Carroll & Whiteside* (96), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); *Rock Island* (88), 26 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); *Massac* (76), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); *Union* (52), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (33), 19 Dec (SDB); LostMound (30), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); Sang (26), 23 Dec (HDB).

American Crow

MC: 121,500 (winter roost), Danville (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (MJE, VB et al.); 1500, Alton (Madison Co), 20 Jan (KAM); 980, Urbana, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 800, CarlL-C, 30 Dec (DMK); 738, *Lee*

& *Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); 600+, Chi (55th St.), 1 Dec (RLS); 550, Spfld, 10 Feb (KAM); 374, Chann, 8 Dec (JAS). **Others:** Papincau (Iroquois Co) (300), 31 Dec (JBH); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (255), 19 Dec (SDB); *Pulaski* (220), 28 Dec (JAS, JIN); *Carroll & Whiteside* (206), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); Chi (Northerly1) (200), 8 Jan (DFS); ClintonL (161), 7 Dec (MEF); Russell Twp (Lawrence Co) (159), 20 Feb (KN); ClintonL (153), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); KeokukD (Hancock Co) (127), 16 Feb (JF); Galesburg (Knox Co) (125), 15 Feb (CY); *McLean* (125), 1 Feb (KAM); Kankakee (119), 1 Feb (JBH); *Alexander* (110), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Rock Island* (107), 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); East Peoria (Cooper Pk, Tazewell Co) (107), 25 Jan (EC); *Mercer* (105), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Rckfd (100), 2 Jan (JL); Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (100), 7 Jan (EC); *Fulton & McDonough* (100), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (86), 11 Dec (RBs); Woodstock (McHenry Co) (85), 12 Feb (PWS); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (83), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); QC (75), 16 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); Illini SP (LaSalle Co) (75), 7 Jan (TH); LostMound (64), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); Sandwich (Kendall Co) (63), 18 Feb (LGt); *Henry* (60), 4 Jan (KJM); Crabtree NC (Cook Co) (60), 18 Feb (JAS); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (60), 14 Jan (BM); Wayne Fitzgerrell SP (Franklin Co) (60), 18 Jan (KAM); *Monroe* (52), 15 Dec (C&PD); Putnam Co CA (47), 8 Dec (TH); Chi (Rosehill Cem) (41), 20 Feb (MDn); Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (38), 2 Feb (ASA).

Horned Lark

MC: 1500, CarlL-C, 29 Dec (DMK); 1349, Union, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 522, *Lee & Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); 267, *Fulton & McDonough*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); 127, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (DJA, TM, m.ob.); 120, Seward (Winnebago Co), 22 Feb (DTW). **Others:** *Massac* (766), 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN, m.ob.); *Alexander* (226), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); Somonauk Twp (Dekalb Co) (225), 8 Feb (JLe); UCCA (179), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); Big Rock (Kane Co) (150), 23 Feb (ASA); *Pulaski* (150), 1 Jan (KAM); Akron Twp (Peoria Co), 28 Feb (EC); *Kane* (100), 26 Jan (MM); Leroy (McLean Co) (100), 7 Jan (SRA); *e. Kankakee* (95), 3 Feb (JBH); *Monroe* (91), 5 Jan (C&PD); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (87), 20 Dec (KJM, EA, RN); LowdMil (80), 13 Jan (RA); *Jackson* (75), 1 Jan (KAM); *Coles* (57), 1 Jan (CAT); *Rock Island* (56), 26 Dec (CDM, JLM, MMn); *Saline* (55), 31 Dec (JAS); Sang (50), 10 Dec (HDB).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Kankakee (Metro sewage plant), **20 Dec- 3 Jan** (JBH:ph). A record latest date for this species occurrence in winter in Illinois which lingered once again at the same sewage treatment facility.

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 105, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 61, *Union*, 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); 61, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); 58, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (SDB). **Others:** CarlL (47), 21 Dec (KAM); RendL (27), 15 Dec (KAM); *Monroe* (26), 15 Dec (C&PD); BeallWds (20), 16 Dec (ES).

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 526, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 332, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 199, *Rock Island*, 26 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 196, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); 126, *Fulton & McDonough*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA);. **Others:** *Mercer* (182), 31 Dec (DJA, TM, m.ob.); *Lee & Whiteside* (146), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); Lost Nation (Ogle Co) (43), 16 Dec (EWW); ClintonL (34), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); LostMound (27), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); Sang (20), 23 Dec (HDB).

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 85, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); 69, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 52, QC, 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); 44, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (SDB); 42, *Fulton & McDonough*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); 36, *Rock Island*, 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); 34, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (DJA, TM, m.ob.). **Others:** *Union* (38), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); *Carroll & Whiteside* (35), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); RendL (25), 15 Dec (KAM); ClintonL (22), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); CarlL (21), 21 Dec (KAM); *n. Vermilion* (19), 1 Jan (SDB); Sang (18), 23 Dec (HDB); Lost Nation (Ogle Co) (10), 16 Dec (EWW); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (9), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); Dixon (Lowell Pk, Ogle Co) (6), 8 Jan (DHh); LRSHNC (2), 5 Dec (AFS, JRS); *Henry* (2), 4 Jan (KJM); Goodenow Grove/Plum Crk FP (Will Co) (2), 20 Feb (AFS); HastingsL FP (Lake Co), 15 Dec-27 Jan (RH); GreeneVal, 28 Jan (MAM); Wheaton (DuPage Co), 27 Jan (LC); Goose Lake Twp (Grundy Co), 1 Jan (DFS); McKinley Wds FP (Will Co), 9 Feb (JAS).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 28, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 15, Downs (McLean Co), 9 Feb (BG); 15, SRSF, 1 Jan (CD); 12 (6 @ Lakewood FP), *Lake*, 26 Jan (SDB, BJS); 12, Spring Valley NC (Schaumburg, Cook Co), 15 Feb (AG, EG). **Others**: Chi (Irving Park Rd Cems) (11), 16 Dec (AFS, DBJ, MAM); GreenR (7), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA); CubaM FP (Lake Co) (6), 28 Jan (MSz); MArb (6), 6 Jan (DFS); Hillside (Queen of Heaven Cem, Cook Co) (6), 27 Jan (DFS); O'Fallon (Rock Springs Pk, St. Clair Co) (6), 1 Jan (RF); QC (5), 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); Peoria (Lutheran Cem, Peoria Co) (5), 8 Dec (EC); SRSF (4), 19 Jan (KAM); Sang (4), 16 Dec (HDB); Mundelein (Lake Co) (3 (@ feeders), wintered (SDB, SLD); *Mercer* (3), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH); *Alexander* (3), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM). Widespread & numerous reports of 1-3 birds.

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 236, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 170, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 97, *Fulton & McDonough*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); 48, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 42, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (SDB); 34, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg). **Others:** *Carroll & Whiteside* (110), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); *Mercer* (83), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Rock Island* (82), 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); *Lee & Whiteside* (51), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); LostMound (20), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); *Union* (14), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); Sang (12), 23 Dec (HDB); CarlL (12), 21 Dec (KAM).

Brown Creeper

MC: 27, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 27, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); 27, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); 16, *Winnebago*, 22 Dec (CAT); 14, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK). **Others:** Chi Urban CBC (23), 16 Dec (JRS m.ob.); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (16), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); LowdMil (14), 24 Dec (ASA, LGt); *Lee & Whiteside* (14), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); *Alexander* (13), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); Maywood & Elmwood Park (Cook Co) (12), 16 Dec (JSA, DA); *Rock Island* (11), 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); *Mercer* (10), 31 Dec (DJA, TM, m.ob.); Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (8), 19 Jan (AG); Clubhouse Wds (Whiteside Co) (7), 10 Jan (DHh); COLSP (6), 11 Jan (BJS); Joliet (Will Co) (6), 11 Dec (ATB); Sand Crk RA (Macon Co) (6), 7 Jan (MT); Oakhurst FP (Kane Co) (5), 22 Dec (ASA); Che-Che-Pin-Qua FP (Cook Co) (5), 16 Dec (ABA); Channahon SP (Will Co) (5), 19 Jan (DFS); Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (5), 26 Jan (ASA); Miller-And (5), 22 Dec (DFS); *Fulton & McDonough* (5), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); BeallWds (5), 16 Dec (ES); Sang (4), 15 Feb (HDB). Much more numerous than average statewide.

House Wren

Dixon (Lee Co), 19 Dec (AFS, APS); HL, 15 Dec (FRH).

Winter Wren

MC: 26, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN, m.ob.); 8, QC, 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); 7, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 3, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.). **Others:** *Union* (4), 29 Dec (JAS, JIN); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (2), 16 Dec (fide GAW); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (2), 19 Dec (SDB); BeallWds (2), 16 Dec (ES); IBSP (So. Unit), 1 Dec & 1 Jan (BJS & GAW resp); White Pines SP (Ogle Co), 17 Dec (EWW); Les Arends FP (Kane Co), 5-6 Jan (MN, TB); Batavia (Quarry Pk, Kane Co), 10 Jan (BAi); McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co), 28 Jan (PAM, AFS); Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co), 4 Jan (JC); McGinnis, 1 Dec & 28 Jan (CDH & MDn resp); Pioneer Wds FP (Cook Co), 16 Dec (SBB, WJM); Isle a la Cache (Will Co), 6 Jan (UWG et al.); AndaSl, 26 Dec (KJM); LTFP, 5 Jan (KJM); Salt ForkR (Champaign Co), 2 Dec (MPW); Adams WS (Sangamon Co), 16 Dec (HDB).

Marsh Wren

Emiquon (ThompsonL), 7 Dec (KBR).

Carolina Wren

MC: 105, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg, m.ob.); 104, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 18, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion

Co), 19 Dec (SDB); 17, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); 14, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 14, *e.Knox*, 14 Dec (fide DJM m.ob.). **Others:** *Union* (39), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); *Pulaski* (24), 28 Dec (JAS, JIN); BeallWds (20), 16 Dec (ES); RendL (12), 15 Dec (KAM); CarlL (12), 21 Dec (KAM); Urbana (11), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Rock Island* (10), 26 Dec (KJM); Sang (10), 23 Dec (HDB); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (9), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); *Mercer* (8), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); ClintonL (6), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Fulton* (5), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); LTFP (5), 5 Jan (KJM); LostMound (3), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); KankakeePks (3), 15 Feb (JBH); Jarvis (pr), 12 Dec – 1 Jan (KH & DKA resp); Palos (Cook Co) (2), 16 Dec (CDH, SBB, WJM); Rckfd (2), 22 Dec-12 Jan (DTW); Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 27 Jan (EWW); IBSP (So. Unit), 1 Dec (BJS); Wauk (@ suet feeder), 10 Feb (PBk); White Pines SP (Ogle Co), 17 Dec (EWW); Oregon (Ogle Co), 1 Jan (ASt); St. Charles (Kane Co), 10 Feb (JLg); GreeneVal, 28 Jan (MAM); WaterfallGlen, 20 Jan (JAS m.ob.); Prospect Heights (Cook Co), 22 Dec (CL); Chi (Grant Pk), 3 Dec (DFS); Salt Crk Wds NP (Cook Co), 8 Dec (DFS); The Grove (Glenview, Cook Co), 26 Jan-18 Feb (ABA); LCal, 14, 27 Dec (WJM); Calumet Park (Cook Co), 7 Dec (MG); Chann, 1 Jan (DFS); McKinley Wds FP (Will Co), 9 Feb (JAS); WilmingtonD (Will Co), 15 Jan (JBH).

BEWICK'S WREN

Lick Crk (Sangamon Co) (continuing from fall), 29 Jan (HDB). 1st county winter record.

Golden-crowned Kinglet

MC: 20, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); 17, *Carroll*, 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); 11, LowdMil, 24 Dec (ASA, LGt); 10, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 7, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 7, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK). **Others:** RendL-F (6), 15 Dec (KAM); BeallWds (5), 16 Dec (ES); McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co) (4), 2 Dec (JAS); White Pines SP (Ogle Co) (3), 17 Dec (EWW); PLNWR (3), 31 Dec (KJM); AndaSl (3), 26 Dec (KJM); ClintonL (3), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Sang ("low numbers"; max 2) (HDB). Less numerous this winter in the northern half of Illinois. Most of few reports were of 1-3 birds statewide.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

MC: 26, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 4, FtMSP, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); 4, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN). **Others:** UCCA (5), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Vermilion* (2), 1 Jan (MPW:ph); RendL-J (2), 8 Dec (KAM); Rckfd, 15 Dec (*DTW); *Carroll*, 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); KankakeePks, 7-15 Feb (JBH:ph); Kankakee (sewage plant), 20 Dec (JBH); *Woodford*, 31 Dec (MJA); Moraine View SP (McLean Co), 29 Dec (BM); Lake of the Wds FP (Champaign Co), 23 Dec (GSL:ph); Sangchris SP (Sangamon Co), 1 Jan (HDB); Peabody, 31 Jan (TJD); Mount Carmel (Wabash Co), 24 Dec (CLH); HL, 1 Dec (FRH); CarlL-C, 8-9 Dec,19 Jan,23 Feb (DMK). More numerous than usual farther north than this species core, far-southern Illinois winter range.

Eastern Bluebird

MC: 115, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 90, *n. Vermilion*, 1 Jan (SDB m.ob.); 72, *Ogle & Lee*, 16 Dec (EWW, RCe); 62, *Rock Island*, 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); 57, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 48, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 20, *Fulton & McDonough*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA). **Others:** *e.Knox* (51), 14 Dec (fide DJM m.ob.); *Union* (51), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); QC (29), 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); GreenR (18), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA); *Carroll* (17), 19 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); RendL (16), 15 Dec (KAM); Rckfd (15), 22 Dec (DTW, RCe); LostMound (15), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); *Mercer* (14), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Sang (14), 6 Dec (HDB); CarlL (14), 10 Dec (KAM); WCCA (13), 1 Jan (KAM); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (10), 19 Dec (SDB).

Varied Thrush. Evanston, Cook County. 31 January 2013. Photo by John Picken.

Gray Catbird. Evanston, Cook County. 8 February 2013. Photo by Matthew Cvetas.

American Pipit. Kickapoo State Park, Vermilion County.1 January 2013. Photo by Mike Ward.

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD

Lost Mound, 14 Dec-23 Feb (DLT:ph, RN, ASt, *DTW, *NGg:ph, m.ob.).

Swainson's Thrush

KankakeePks, 8 Dec (JBH:ph).

Hermit Thrush

MC: 89, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 19, *Union*, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 7, GreenR, 24 Dec (KJM, DJA); 5, *Rock Island*, 26 Dec (CDM, JLM, MMn, KJM); 2, *Fulton*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA). **Others:** TOT (6), 1 Jan (KAM); *Mercer* (5), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); FtMSP (5), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); RendL-J (4), 8 Dec (KAM); *Carroll* (4), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); KArb (4), 22 Dec-12 Jan (DTW); KankakeeR SP (Will Co) (4), 1 Dec (JAS); *Massac* (4), 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN); QC (3), 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); SRSF (3), 1 Jan (CD); Sang (3), 1 Jan (HDB); CarlL (3), 2 Jan (KAM); LTFP (3), 5 Jan (KJM); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (2), 16 Dec (fide GAW); Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co) (2), 1 Jan (SDB); *Monroe* (2), 15 Dec (C&PD); RockCut, 26 Dec (DTW); Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 16 Feb (BJS); Mundelein (St. Mary's Seminary, Lake Co), 1 Jan (AFS et al.); Oak Spring Canoe Launch (Lake Co), 27 Jan (ST); CBG, 2 Dec (MH); Spring Valley NC (Schaumburg, Cook Co), 27 Feb (SAC); Chi (University of Chicago), 14 Dec (RLS); Big River SF (Henderson Co), 20 Jan (EWW).

American Robin

MC: 12,250, Big River SF (Henderson Co), 20 Jan (EWW); 6841, *Union*, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 698, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 650 & 360, Sang, 11 Dec & 1 Jan resp (HDB); 452, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 243, *Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); 205, Urbana, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK). **Others:** CarlL-C (400), 30 Dec (DMK); QC (203), 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); RendL-F (200), 15 Dec (DMK); *Rock Island* (156), 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); IBSP (155), 26 Jan (EWW); SRSF (150), 19 Jan (KAM); *Mercer* (137), 31 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); *Massac* (107), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); Spring Valley NC (Schaumburg, Cook Co) (88), 8 Jan (ABA); Wauk (85), 1 Jan (DRD, EL): AndaSl (80), 26 Dec (KJM); O'Fallon (St Clair Co) (80), 15 Jan (KAM); GreenR (74), 24 Jan (DTW); HerrickL FP (DuPage Co) (65), 30 Jan (JCe et al.); Ryerson (45), 3 Dec (ABA); *Carroll* (32), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); LowdMil (30), 19 Dec (DTW).

Varied Thrush

CBG (calling bird), 23 Dec (MF); Evanston (Cook Co) (ad ♂ eating sunflower seeds), 24 Jan - 28 Feb (JKy:ph, SDB:ph, SLD, m.ob:ph).

Gray Catbird

KArb, 22 Dec-11 Jan (*DTW, RCe); Evanston (Cook Co), 25 Jan – 16 Feb (MMC:ph, FRM); McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co), 15 Jan (PAM); Spfld (Washington Pk), 10 Dec (HDB).

Smith's Longspur. Seven Hickory Township, Coles County. 23 February 2013. Photo by Tyler Funk.

Brown Thrasher

MC: 8, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 5, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK). **Others:** *Massac* (4), 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JlN); *Pulaski* (2), 28 Dec (JAS, JlN); MArb, 11 Dec-5 Jan (PAM, MW, AFS et al.); LSpfld (Cinder Flats), 23 Dec (HDB); HunterL (Sangamon Co), 4 Dec (HDB); *Richland*, 3 Jan (CLH); HL, 27 Dec (BJS); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 25 Jan (GHy); Fults (Monroe Co), 21 Feb (C&PD); CarlL-C, 23 Feb (*DMK); RendL, 8 Dec (KAM).

Northern Mockingbird

MC: 21, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JlN, m.ob.); 8, *Pulaski*, 28 Dec (JAS, JlN); 2, LostMound, 14 Dec & 26 Jan (SDB, DTW, DBJ & ASt et al. resp). **Others:** *Monroe* (5), 15 Dec (C&PD); *Edwards* (5), 17 Feb (RES); CarlL (4), 21 Dec (KAM); Sang (3), 5 Feb (HDB); *Alexander* (3), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (3), 23 Feb (KAM); Universal Mine (Edgar Co) (2), wintered (MC); RendL (2), 15 Dec (KAM); Schaumburg (Cook Co), 23-27 Feb (JCc, SAC); Busse Wds FP (Cook Co), 19 Jan (BCS); Chi, 8 Dec (MG); Chi ("Minnie the Mocker"), 8 Dec – 24 Feb (MG, PLC m.ob.); *Fulton*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA).

European Starling

MC: 13,082, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 10,000 (on utility lines), I-88 (DuPage Co), 9 Dec (CAT, TLK); 8000, CarlL-C, 13 Jan (DMK); 6543, *Union*, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Urbana (182), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK). **Others:** Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (2894), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); LCal (2500), 29 Dec (WJM, CDH); *Whiteside & Lee* (1779), 24 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); *Cook* (1050), 16 Dec (WJM, SBB, CDH); *Rock Island* (766), 5 Jan (CDM, JLM, CMn, m.ob.); RendL (735), 15 Dec (KAM); *Henry* (600), 4 Jan (KJM); *Mercer* (581), 31 Dec (DJA, TM, m.ob.); *Alexander* (427), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); *Massac* (414), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); *Carroll & Whiteside* (340), 19 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); *Fulton & McDonough* (162), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA).

American Pipit

MC: 80, SantaFe, 3 Feb (*DMK); 70, *Richland*, 8 Dec (CLH). **Others:** *Union* (15), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); IBSP (So. Unit) (4 & 1), 1 Jan & 10 Dec (BJS, JSS & AFS resp); *Monroe* (4), 15 Dec (C&PD); MermetL (3), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); NewtonL (3), 3 Jan (CLH); LCal (WolfL) (2), 29 Dec (FD, MDi); *Vermilion* (1 @ 2 locations), 1 Jan (SDB & MPW); LRen, 24 Dec (DFS); Marshall SFWA (Marshall Co), 1 Dec (PB); *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA).

BOHEMIAN WAXWING

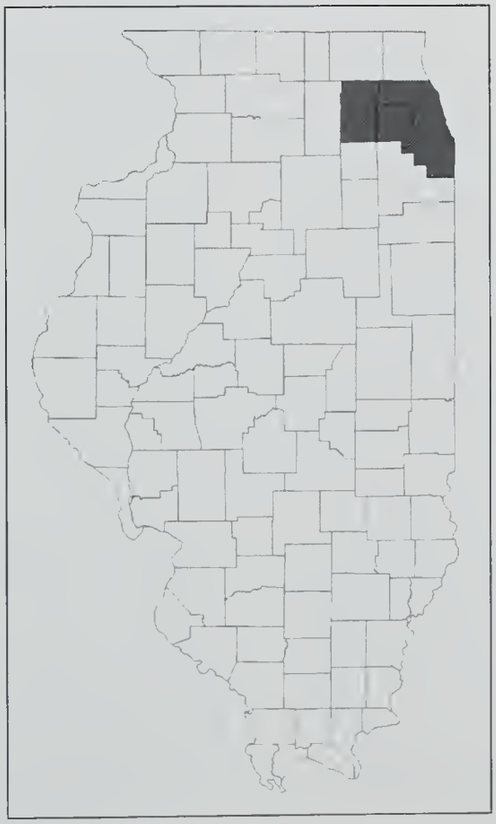
NPM (2), 2 Feb (KKM, RDH, AFS, BJS:ph); CBG (feeding on ornamental crabapples), 22-26 Dec (PC, DBJ, SDB et al.:ph).

Cedar Waxwing

MC: 607, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 500, EForkL, 5 Dec (CLH); 300, LostMound, 2 Feb (SDB, DBJ et al.); 143, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); 80, Sang, 2 Dec (HDB). **Others:** *Ogle & Lee* (218), 16 Dec (EWW, DHh); QC (198), 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); CBG (160), 3 Dec (SP); *Carroll & Whiteside* (141), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); *Massac* (121), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); River Hills Mem Pk (Kane Co) (140), 27 Dec (ASA); Prairie Wolf Sl FP (Lake Co) (108), 29 Dec (PWS); COLSP (80), 26 Feb (NW); MeadbrkPk (75), 29 Dec (ZC); Metropolis (Massac Co) (75), 17 Feb (AP); Batavia (Kane Co) (60), 16 Dec (DP); RendL-F (60), 15 Dec (DMK); CarlL-C (60), 21 Dec (DMK); LRen (49), 11 Dec (ATB); YorkvilleD (Kendall Co) (45), 16 Dec (ASA); KArb (44), 22 Dec (DTW); *Alexander* (44), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); MArb (36), 10 Feb (PDn); *Mercer* (35), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); GenevaD (Kane Co) (32), 4 Feb (SF); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (30), 8 Dec (KAM); PittsfieldL (Pike Co) (25), 2 Dec (EWW).

Bohemian Waxwings. North Point Marina, Lake County. 2 February, 2013 Photo by Beau Schaefer.

Counties in which the Bohemian Waxwing was found in the 2012/2013 winter season. Map by Nathan Goldberg.



Lapland Longspur

MC: 2000, CarlL-F, 1-2 Jan (DMK); 829, *Lee & Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); 811, *Coles*, 23 Dec (GAW); 800, *Richland*, 31 Jan (CLH); 500, *Woodford*, 30 Dec (MEF); 480, Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 23 Feb (EWW). **Others:** *e. Kankakee* (460), 3 Feb (JBH); Florence (Will Co) (400), 3 Feb (MAM); *Dewitt* (300), 22 Feb (MEF); Blount Twp (Vermilion Co) (300), 1 Jan (MML, DW); *Champaign* (225), 2 Jan (MML); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (200), 29 Dec (JOS); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (161), 20 Dec (KJM, EA, RN); Hinckley (DeKalb Co) (150), 23 Feb (DTW); Kaneville Twp (Kane Co) (150), 26 Jan (MM); Limestone Twp (Kankakee Co) (135), 29 Dec (DFS); Minonk Twp (Woodford Co) (135), 2 Feb (TH); *Union* (112), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Monroe Twp (Ogle Co) (100), 15 Feb (JAS); Hamilton (Lee Co) (100), 13 Jan (DHh); *Perry* (100), 1 Jan (KAM); LostMound (95), 21 Jan (EWW); *Alexander* (90), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); Van Orin (Bureau Co) (80), 24 Jan (DTW); Sang (80), 2 Feb (HDB); Midewin (50), 20 Feb (AFS); *Jackson* (50), 1 Jan (KAM); *Monroe* (50), 2 Jan (KAM); *Mason* (50), 10 Feb (KAM).

Smith's Longspur

Seven Hickory Twp (Coles Co), 23 Feb (TDF:ph).

Snow Bunting

MC: 170, *Lee & Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); 100, Genoa Twp (Dekalb Co), 21 Dec (KML); 25, *n. Vermilion*, 1 Jan (MPW). **Others:** Rckfd (50), 21 Dec (DTW, BCW); Seward (Winnebago Co) (45), 28 Feb (DTW); Hinckley (DeKalb Co) (35), 23 Feb (DTW); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (26), 16 Dec (fide GAW); Montrose (8), 10 Feb (RDH); *Fulton* (3), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA).

Ovenbird

Palos Park (Cook Co.), **22 Dec - 12 Jan** (*JCa, MCa AAA:ph).

Northern Waterthrush

Chi (No. Shore Channel @ Bryn Mawr), **15 Jan** (MDn).

Orange-crowned Warbler

Batavia (Quarry Pk, Kane Co) (w/junco flock), 11 Jan (LP:ph); Evanston (Cook Co), 18 Dec (MMC); ClintonL, 13-16 Dec (TDF,TAM:ph) PittsfieldL (Pike Co), 2 Dec (*EWW); CarlL-C, 2 Dec (DMK); RendL-F, 15 Dec (DMK); *Alexander* (imm), 28 Dec (KJM, *DJA).

Common Yellowthroat

Montrose (imm ♂), 12 Dec (JIE:ph et al.); MermetL, 18 Jan (KAM).

Palm Warbler

New Athens (St. Clair Co), **21 Jan** (TJD).

Pine Warbler

McHenryD (McHenry Co), 6 Dec (AFS, APS); RendL-J, 8 Dec (*KAM); CONWR, 18 Jan (*KAM); Pomona (saw singing ♂), 21 Feb (RSR).

Orange-crowned Warbler. Quarry Park, Batavia, Kane County. 11 January 2013. Photo by Linda Padera.

Yellow-rumped Warbler

MC: 96, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 68, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN); 53, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 15, *Ogle*, 16 Dec (DHh); 10, *Lake*, 26 Jan (SDB, BJS); 9, *n. Vermilion*, 1 Jan (SDB m.ob.). **Others:** FtMSP (46), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); *Pulaski* (31), 28 Dec (JAS, JIN); *Union* (27), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Mercer* (10), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH); Barrington Hills (Cook Co) (9), 17 Dec (ABA); *Carroll* (7), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); MacArthur Wds FP (Lake Co) (6), 1 Jan (AFS, PWS); KankakeePks (6), 24 Dec (JBH); McGinnis (5), 7 Dec (PB); *DuPage* (4), 14 Dec (JIN); Palos (Cook Co) (4), 16 Dec (WJM, SBB, CDH); Wauk (3), 1 Jan (DRD, EL); Sang (3), 20 Feb (HDB); LTFP (2), 5 Jan (KJM); LostMound (2), 21 Jan (EWW); Salt Crk WdS NP (Cook Co) (2), 8 Dec (DFS).

Spotted Towhee

Cooperstown Twp (Brown Co), 8-14 Dec (TW, CD:ph et al.); *Union*, 21 Jan (DDM, LLW, LWS).

Eastern Towhee

MC: 33, FtMSP, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); 22, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN). **Others:** *Alexander* (12), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Pulaski* (8), 28 Dec (JAS, JIN); BeallWds (5), 16 Dec (ES); RendL (5), 8 Dec (KAM); UCCA (4), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); CarlL-C (4), 23 Feb (*DMK); Ballard NC (Effingham Co) (2), 17 Feb (KG); QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH); Elsen's Hill FP (DuPage Co), 4 Jan (PAM).

American Tree Sparrow

MC: 1200, *Lee & Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); 977, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (DJA, TM, m.ob.); 349, Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (JOS, CCC); 125, ClintonL, 8 Feb (MEF); 80, CarlL-C, 2,19 Jan (DMK); 22, Ark, 4 Feb (KAM). **Others:** Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (619), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); QC (604), 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); *Rock Island* (444), 5 Jan (CDM, JLM, CMn, m.ob.); *Carroll & Whiteside* (267), 19 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); LCal (225), 27 Dec (WJM); LostMound (153), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); Sang (124), 23 Dec (HDB); Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (114), 2 Feb (ASA); *Fulton & McDonough* (102), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); Pecatonica (90), 28 Feb (DTW); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (90 in yard), 21 Feb (RBs); Nachusa (86), 16 Dec (EWW); Emiquon (85), 8 Dec (EWW).

Chipping Sparrow

MC: **18**, FtMSP, 30 Dec (KJM, *DJA, RSR, VLg); 2, RendL, 5 Jan (DDM, LWS); 2, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM). **Others:** *DeKalb*, **2 Feb** (*ASA).

Field Sparrow

MC: 16, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN, m.ob.); 12, CarlL-C, 21 Dec (TAM, TDF); 6, RendL, 14 Dec (KAM); 2, LRen, 12 Dec (*ASA). **Others:** *Monroe* (4), 15 Dec (C&PD); *Union* (4), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); *Alexander* (4), 1 Jan (KAM); Fabyan FP (Kane Co), 12 Dec (MAM); LCal (1-2), 14 Dec - 12 Feb (WJM, AG:ph, EG); LRen (2), 12 Dec (ASA); Briscoe Mounds FP (Will Co), 1 Jan (MAM); McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co), 14 Jan (PAM); HennepinL, 12 Dec (TH).

Vesper Sparrow

Oakhurst FP (Kane Co), 22 Dec (*ASA:ph); HLCA, 28 Dec – 1 Jan (KJM, DJA & *KAM); UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK).

Savannah Sparrow

MC: 43, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN); 37, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 28, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 17, Chann, 23 Feb (JAS); 4, Springbrk, 27 Jan (*ASA); 3, Woodford Co CA (Woodford Co), 5 Jan (PF); 2, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, *DJA, TM). **Others:** MermetL (21), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); BaileyWet (15), 25 Feb (CLH); CarlL-C (12), 29 Dec (DMK); EForkL (8), 30 Dec (CLH); RendL (7), 15 Dec (KAM); Wauk (4), 3 Feb (AWS); NPM (2-3), 24-30 Dec (BJS); Chi (MonroeH) (2), 5 Jan (AFS); LBloom (White Oak Pk) (2), 28 Jan (MJW); Urbana (Champaign Co) (2), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Sang (2), 24, Jan, 14 & 22 Feb (HDB); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (@ feeder), 2 – 23 Feb (RBs:ph); Genoa (DeKalb Co), 19 Feb (KML:ph); Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 2 Feb (ASA); Spring Valley NC (Schaumburg, Cook Co), 15 Feb (AFS); Naperville Twp (DuPage Co) (@ feeder), 31 Jan – 19 Feb (JAS); Bartel, 23 Feb (MMC); *Rock Island*, 26 Dec (*KJM); Midewin, 20 Feb (AFS). Wintering numbers of this species continue to grow.

Le Conte's Sparrow

MC: 7, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 5, Spunky Bottoms Pr (Brown Co), 14 Dec (MML). **Others:** PrRdg-J (2), 18 Dec (CLH); RendL (2), 18 Jan (KAM); Nipper WS (Sangamon Co.) (2), 14 Feb (HDB); ClintonL, 16 Dec (GSL, RK); HL, 25 Dec (FRH).

Fox Sparrow

MC: **65**, *Saline*, 31 Dec (JAS, JIN); **47**, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); **38**, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); **35**, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); **30**, GreeneVal., 28 Jan (MAM); 15, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co), 14 Dec (MML); 12, Wolf Crk SP (Shelby Co), 4 Jan (TAM); 6, Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 8 Feb (JLe). **Others:** *Massac* (21), 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JIN, m.ob.); *Pulaski* (19), 28 Dec (JAS, JIN); CarlL-C (12), 2 Jan (DMK); HL (9), 27 Dec (BJS); Wauk CBC (8), 1 Jan (fide DBG m.ob.); Oakhurst FP (Kane Co) (8), 22 Dec (ASA); Peabody (8), 16 Feb (TJD); *Adams* (7), 15 Dec (AMR, PJR); Sang (7), 22 Dec (HDB); Fermi (6), 22 Dec (ASA); Goodenow Grove FP (Will Co) (6), 16 Feb (SZ); CONWR (5), 6 Dec (KAM); LincolnM NA (Wheaton, DuPage Co) (4), 14 Jan (JCe); Charleston (Coles Co) (4), 18-21 Feb (TDF); KArb (3), 22 Dec-12 Jan (DTW); Big Rock FP (Kane Co) (3), 2 Feb (ASA); HiddenL FP (DuPage Co) (3), 28 Jan (AFS); Wedron (LaSalle Co) (3), 6 Jan (DJS); KankakeePks (3), 26 Jan (JBH); Kankakee (Gar Crk) (3), 25 Dec (JBH); *Vermilion* (3), 1 Jan (MPW); RendL (3), 15 Dec (KAM); GreenR (2), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA); LCal (2), 23,27 Dec (WJM); *Carroll*, 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); *Mercer*, 31 Dec (KJM, SBH). Exceptionally high numbers, especially in far southern Illinois this winter. One to three birds at numerous locations statewide as well. Larger statewide numbers of this species overall this winter, as over-wintering numbers continue to grow.

Song Sparrow

MC: 178, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 107, QC, 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); 73, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); 46, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.). **Others:** *Union* (61), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (55), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); *n. Vermilion* (47), 1 Jan (SDB m.ob.); *Rock Island* (38), 5 Jan (RRB, HA, EJ, m.ob.); CarlL-C (16), 9,21 Dec (DMK, KAM); RendL (15), 15 Dec (KAM); *Whiteside and Lee* (15), 24 Dec (SBH, THr, m.ob.); AndaSI (14), 26 Dec (KJM); *Carroll* (5), 19 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.).

Lincoln's Sparrow

Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co) (2), 16 Dec (*BLB, CB); HastingsL FP (Lake Co), 26-27 Jan (RH); Whitley Crk RA (ShelbyvilleL, Moultrie Co), 4 Jan (TAM); *Alexander*, 28 Dec (*KJM, DJA); MermetL, 30 Dec (KJM, *DJA).

Swamp Sparrow

MC: 62, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 62, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 24, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 24, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 18, ClintonL, 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 10, ButlerL (Lake Co), 26 Jan (SDB, BJS). **Others:** *Massac* (41),

30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); RendL (28), 15 Dec (KAM); *Carroll* (10), 19 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); McGinnis (10), 7 Dec (PB); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (9), 19 Dec (SDB); Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (4), 2 Feb (ASA); QC (4), 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Nachusa (3), 16 Dec (EWW); AndaSl (3), 26 Dec (KJM); Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co) (3), 5 Jan (CDM, JLM, CMn); Wauk (2), 1 Jan (DRD, EL); White Pines SP (Ogle Co), 17 Dec (EWW); *Whiteside*, 24 Dec (SBH, THr).

White-throated Sparrow

MC: 565, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JlN, m.ob.); 371, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 71, *n. Vermilion*, 1 Jan (SDB m.ob.); 35, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 26, LTFP, 5 Jan (KJM). **Others:** *Pulaski* (227), 28 Dec (JAS, JlN); *Union* (177), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (86), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); CarlL-C (80), 23 Feb (DMK); *Jackson* (75), 1 Jan (KAM); RendL (39), 15 Dec (KAM); Sang (31), 23 Dec (HDB).

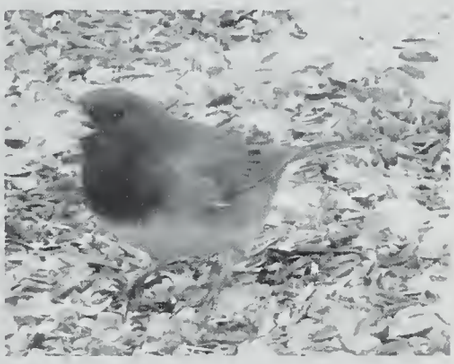
Harris's Sparrow

TwoRivers (SwanL) (2 & 3), 20 & 21 Jan (KAM & TW, CD:ph resp); Gladstone Twp (Henderson Co) (imm), 15 Dec (DJM); MeredosiaL (Morgan Co), 8-14 Dec (TW, CD:ph et al.); CarlL-F, 9 - 23 Dec (*DMK, KAM, TDF, TAM); Olney (Richland Co) (imm), 15 Dec (*CLH); UCCA, 29 Dec (HDB, PMW, SDB, PAM et al.).

Harris's Sparrow. Meredosia Lake, Brown County. 8 December 2012. Photo by Tony Ward.

White-crowned Sparrow

MC: 57, MermetL, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); 53, *Union*, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 50, Urbana, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 9, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (fide GAW); 6, LCal, 27 Dec (WJM). **Others:** *Mercer* (43), 31 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); Gladstone Twp (Henderson Co) (20), 15 Dec (DJM); RendL (20), 8 Dec (KAM); CarlL (20), 9, 29 Dec (DMK); TwoRivers (18), 17 Feb (EWW); Sang (9), 6 Dec (HDB); *Vermilion* (8), 1 Jan (MML, DW); *Alexander* (7), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); QC (5), 16 Dec (BLB, CB); *Rock Island* (5), 5 Jan (RRB, HA, EJ, m.ob.); LCal (O'Brien L&D) (5 & 4 imm), 9 Feb & 1 Dec (CAT, TLK & SBB resp); Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (3), 2 Feb (ASA).



"Oregon" Junco. Genoa, DeKalb County. 12 February 2013. Photo by Karen Lund.

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 1163, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 969, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 723, QC, 16 Dec (BLB, CB, m.ob.); 385, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 339, *Fulton & McDonough*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); 213, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg). **Others:** *Lee & Whiteside* (683), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); *Rock Island* (618), 26 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); CarlL-C (200), 1 Jan, 3 Feb (DMK); *Carroll & Whiteside* (199), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); *Union* (187), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Whiteside & Rock Island* (154), 20 Dec (EA, RN, KJM); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (123), 19 Dec (SDB); LostMound (112), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); Sang (106), 25 Jan (HDB); RendL (85), 15 Dec (KAM); LCal (84), 27 Dec (WJM); *Jackson* (70), 1 Jan (KAM); Lost Nation (Ogle Co) (45), 16 Dec (EWW). **Other Forms:** Fermi ("Oregon"), 22 Dec - 3 Feb (*ASA:ph); Palatine (Cook Co) (partially leucistic), 28 Dec (CSF:ph); Miami Wds FP (Cook Co) (♂ "Oregon"), 5 Feb (AFS); *Will* ("Oregon"), 20 Feb (*ASA:ph); Spfld (Riverside Pk) ("Oregon"), 25 Jan (HDB).

Northern Cardinal

MC: 540, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 363, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (DJA, TM, m.ob.); 327, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 181, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); 159, *Fulton & McDonough*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); 94, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg). **Others:** *Rock Island* (217), 26 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); *Lee & Whiteside* (184), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); *Union* (88), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); *Carroll & Whiteside* (75), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); CarlL-C (60), 6 Jan (DMK); RendL (36), 15 Dec (KAM); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (30), 22 Jan (KAM); ClintonL (28), 7 Dec (MEF); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (21), 19 Dec (SDB); *Henry* (20), 4 Jan (KJM).

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: 34,759, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); 14,332, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 5000, RendL, 15 Dec (KAM); 3000, Sang, 9 Feb (HDB); 2000, *Carroll*, 19 Dec (EA, RN). **Others:** CarlL-C (3000), 13 Jan, 22-24 Feb (DMK); UCCA (1085), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co) (200), 5 Jan (CDM, JLM, CMn); *Alexander* (181), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Mercer* (111), 31 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); IBSP (95), 28 Feb (EWW); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (52), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); ClintonL (45), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Lee & Whiteside* (43), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); GreenR (31), 24 Jan (DTW); *McDonough* (31), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (26), 25 Dec (RBs); GreeneVal (4), 28 Jan (MAM).

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: 86, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS, THy, JlN); 73, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 10, *Rock Island*, 26 Dec (*CDM, JLM, MMn); 6, Sang, 2 Feb (HDB). **Others:** CarlL-C (60), 23 Feb (DMK); *Edwards* (51), 20 Dec (RES); *Pulaski* (42), 28 Dec (JAS, JlN); CONWR (30), 11 Feb (JG); KLMSNA (19), 24 Feb (C&PD); Peabody (18), 26 Jan (TJD); RendL (12), 8 Dec (KAM); UCCA (12), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); *n. Iroquois* (8), 8 Jan (JBH); *Shelby* (7), 4 Jan (TDF); MauvaiseterreL (Morgan Co) (5), 27 Dec (CD); JEPC (4), 1 Jan (CS); IBSP (So. Unit) (3), 1 Jan (BJS, JSS); *Coles* (3), 18 Feb (TDF); *e.Knox* (2), 14 Dec (fide DJM); Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 23 Feb> (EWW); QC, 16 Dec (*KJM, SBH).

Western Meadowlark

MC: 6, CarlL-C, 1 Jan (DMK); 2, MermetL, 30 Dec (*KJM, DJA). **Others:** UCCA, 29 Dec (*KJM, DJA, VMK); *Mercer*, 4 Jan (*KJM).

Rusty Blackbird

MC: 300, CarlL-C, 31 Dec (DMK); 110, *Richland*, 16 Dec (CLH); 57, Durand (Winnebago Co), 15 Dec (BGr, RGr); 38, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.). **Others:** UCCA (60), 1 Jan (KAM); Freeburg (St. Clair Co) (45), 24 Jan (TJD); RendL (20), 24 Feb (KAM); GreenR (14), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA); *Wayne* (10), 7 Feb (CLH); Sang (7), 10 Dec (HDB); FtMSP (6), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); *Mercer* (5), 31 Dec (DJA, TM); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (5), 12 Dec (KAM); Wauk, 3 Feb (AWS); *Rock Island*, 26 Dec (CDM, JLM, MMn); BraidwoodL (Will Co), 17 Jan (JBH).

Brewer's Blackbird

Downer's Grove (DuPage Co) (♂), 19 Feb (REF); Penn Twp (Stark Co) (♂), 6 Jan (DJM); CarlL, 23 Dec (KAM); *Massac* (♀), 30 Dec (JlN, JAS, THy).

Common Grackle

MC: 70,271, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); 5206, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 3000, CarlL-C, 22,24 Feb (DMK); 1500, *Rock Island*, 20 Dec (KJM); 1000, Sang, 19 Feb (HDB). **Others:** Peabody (2800), 15 Feb (TD); *Randolph* (2000), 17 Dec (GHy); *Union* (965), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); RendL-F (600), 15 Dec (DMK); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (400), 22 Feb (ClHn); *Wayne* (200), 15 Feb (MB); IBSP (55), 26 Jan (EWW); *n. Vermilion* (6), 1 Jan (SDB); *Carroll* (2), 19 Dec (EA, RN); GreenR, 24 Dec (KJM, DJA); PLNWR, 31 Dec (KJM); Galesburg (Knox Co), 19 Feb > (DJM).

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: 2000, CarlL-C, 22 Feb (DMK); 950, Marseilles (LaSalle Co), 9 Feb (DFS); 950, KankakeeR SP, 11 Dec (JBH); 600, Sang, 9 Feb (HDB); 507, RendL, 15 Dec (KAM); 406, KLMSNA, 24 Feb (C&PD). **Others:** *Alexander* (252), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Wilmington (Will Co) (200), 19 Dec (JBH); Monee Res (Will Co) (150), 9 Jan (SZ); Bowdre Twp (Douglas Co) (150), 12 Jan (TDF); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (70), 30 Dec (KAM); Hampton (Rock Island Co) (70), 20 Jan (KJM);

Newark (Kendall Co) (50), 23 Feb (ASA, LGt); BeallWds (50), 16 Dec (ES); Sugar Grove Twp (Kane Co) (30), 4 Dec (SF); FtMSP (25), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); *Henry* (25), 4 Jan (KJM); ShabonnaL (20), 23 Feb (ASA); Bartel (15), 23 Feb (EG, AG); StarvedRock (15), 12 Jan (ASA, LGt); *Whiteside* (5), 24 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); *Fulton* (5), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA).

House Finch

MC: 308, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 195, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 170, Sang, 6 Dec (HDB); 155, Chann, 24 Dec (DFS); 100, *Fulton*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); 83, CarlL, 21 Dec (KAM); 62, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 3 Feb (KAM). **Others:** Loyola U Retreat (McHenry Co) (87), 6 Dec (SM); Hillside (Queen of Heaven Cem) (86), 2 Dec (DFS); *Lee & Whiteside* (81), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); *Alexander* (60), 1 Jan (KAM); *Mercer* (55), 31 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); FtMSP (50), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (47), 19 Dec (SDB); IroquoisR (Kankakee Co) (42), 29 Dec (DFS); *Union* (42), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); HiddenL FP (DuPage Co) (41), 4 Jan (JCe); Oakhurst FP (Kane Co) (38), 20 Jan (ASA); MArb (36), 16 Dec (JZi); Crabtree NC (Cook Co) (35), 14 Dec (SC); Chi (Oak Park) (35), 10 & 29 Jan (EDG); Fults (Monroe Co) (30), 15 Dec (C&PD); BeallWds (30), 16 Dec (ES); Ryerson (26), 25 Dec (DFS); Zion (Lake Co) (25), 25 Jan (EWW); LostMound (24), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ).

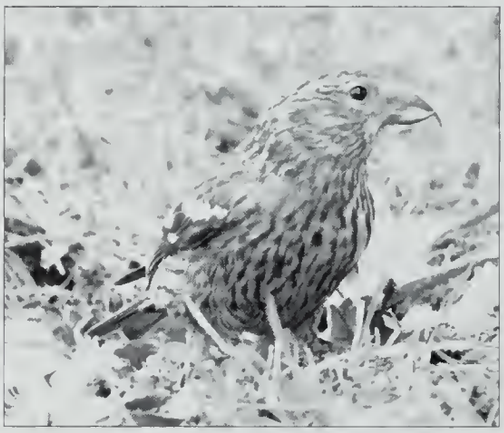
Purple Finch

MC: 60, *Carroll*, 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); 36 & 25, LostMound, 14 Dec & 2 Feb (SDB, DTW, DBJ & SDB, DBJ resp); 20 & 10, Sang, 21 Feb & 24 Jan resp (HDB); 14, Urbana, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 10, Peabody, 2 Feb (TJD); 9, *Massac*, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg). **Others:** QC (31), 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (25), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); GreenR (22), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA); *Rock Island* (19), 26 Dec (KJM); *n. Vermilion* (7), 1 Jan (MPW); Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (7), 20 Jan (TJD); CarlL-C (7), 9 Feb (DMK); *Mercer* (5), 4 Jan (KJM); UCCA (5), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); LRSHNC (4), 25 Jan (MDn); ClintonL (4), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK).

Red Crossbill

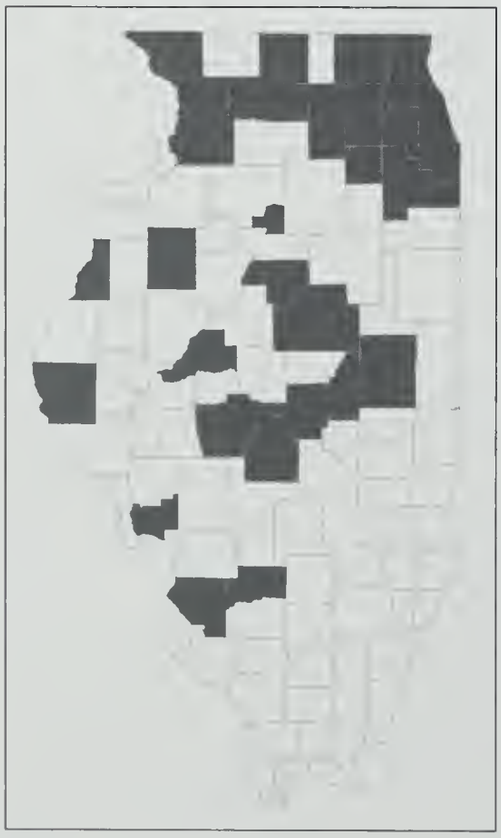
MC: 70 (~50 Type 2, ~20 Type 3) & 4, SRSF, 9 Dec & 9 Feb (*EWW & TAM:ph, vr resp); 15 (feeding on red & white pine cones), Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 26 Jan (SDB, BJS); 13, Urbana (Woodlawn Cem), 26 Jan (SRr); 12, LowdMil, 24 Dec (*ASA, LGt); 11, Spfld (Oak Ridge Cem), 24 Dec (HDB); 7, Rckfd, 26 Dec (SOi, POi). **Others:** Carle Pk (Urbana, Champaign Co) (9), 25 Dec (GSL); MArb (6), 29 Dec (MW); Hillside (Queen of Heaven Cem, Cook Co) (4), 27 Jan (DFS); Charleston (EIU Campus, Coles Co) (3♂, ♀ feeding on hemlocks & sweet gum seeds), 4-10 Feb (TZ, RB et al.), but 5 (feeding on sweet gum seeds) there 25-28 Feb (TDF:ph, MJB); Spring Valley NC (Schaumburg, Cook Co) (3+), 25 Feb (SAC); Rckfd (Greenwood Cem) (2♂), 3 Feb (DTW); Lyons Wds F.P. (Lake Co) (♀ & 1), 1 Dec & 17 Feb (AFS & JSS resp); Mount Carroll (Carroll Co) (2; 1♂), 2 Feb (SDB, DBJ); Chi (Douglas Pk) (2), 16 Dec (AG, EG); Putnam Co CA (2), 4 Jan (MJB); Galesburg (Knox Co) (2 & ♀), 28 Jan & 19 Feb resp(DJM); Forestry (2♀; Type 2 feeding in European larch), 2 Dec (TAM); White Pines SP (Ogle Co), 15-16 Dec (DTW, EWW); CBG, 26 Jan (MH); LRSHNC (♂), 9 Feb (JHt:ph); Chi (Rosehill Cem) (♂), 26 (MDn); *Brown*, 9 Dec (EWW).

Female Red Crossbill. Eastern Illinois University, Coles County. 26 February 2013. Photo by Tyler Funk.



Immature White-winged Crossbill. Allerton Park, Monticello, Piatt County. 4 November 2012. Photo by Tyler Funk.

Counties in which the Red Crossbill was found in the 2012/2013 winter season. Map by Nathan Goldberg.



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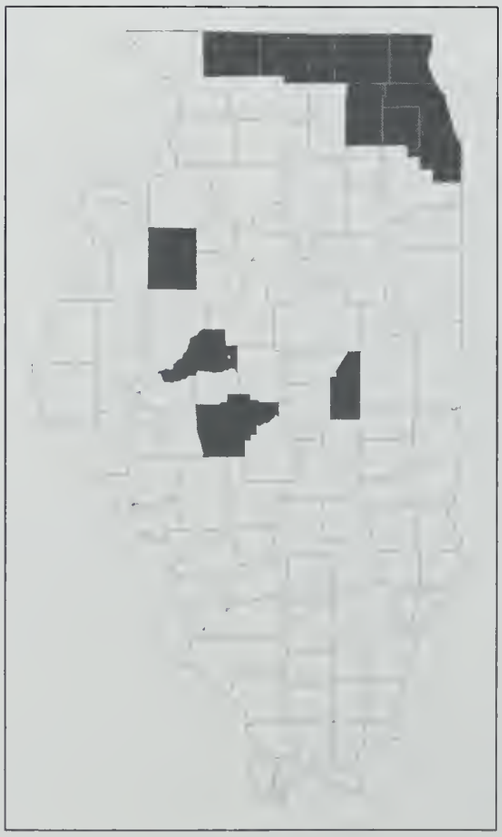


White-winged Crossbill

Chi (Rosehill Cem) (10), 27 Jan (MDn); Spfld (Oak Ridge Cem) (10), 24 Dec, but 2-6 there, 11 Dec – 22 Jan (HDB); MArb (7 incl 1 ad ♂), 30 Dec (DFS); Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (5 feeding on white spruce cones & 6 [3♂, 3♀]), 26 Jan & 20 Jan thru 16 Feb (SDB, BJS & AFS et al. resp); Rckfd (Greenwood Cem) (5; 3♂, 2♀ feeding in hemlocks), 3 Feb (JL, DTW); Lake of the Wds FP (Champaign Co) (4), 23 Dec (GSL); Galesburg (Knox Co) (♂,♀ & 1 & 1), 3 & 9 Jan & 19 Feb resp (DJM); Morton (Tazewell Co) (2), 7 Dec (fide PF); Libertyville (Lake Co) (♀), 2-3 Feb (PP); Mundelein (♂&♀ eating sunflower seeds @ feeder), 31 Jan-2 Feb (CM:ph, SDB et al.:ph); Spring Valley NC (Schaumburg, Cook Co) (♀), 14-28 Feb, but 2♀ there 25 Feb (SAC:ph, AFS et al.); Allerton Pk (Piatt Co) (juv & ad ♂, juv feeding in hemlocks), 2 & 3 Dec (TAM:ph & DLT, MP resp); Mundelein (Lake Co) (♀ @ feeder), 3 Feb (MLT); Crabtree NC (Cook Co) (♀ eating sunflower seeds @ feeder), 16-21 Feb (ABA:ph, JHn, AFS et al.:ph); Urbana, 8 Feb (GSL).

Common Redpoll

MC: 132 & 130, CBG (feedng in gray birches, bald cypress & nyger feeders), 12 Feb & 23, 7

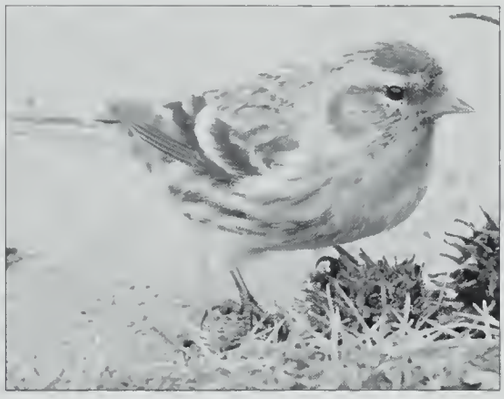
Dec (RD & JDW resp). Dozens present all winter (m.ob.); 100 (feeding on alders), Briscoe Mounds FP (Will Co), 1 Jan (MAM); 92 & 45, KArb, 22 Dec & 12 Jan resp (DTW); 11 & 9 (feeding in alders), ClintonL, 13 & 2 Dec (TDF); 9, CarlL-C (9), 9 Dec (TDF); 5, *Fulton*, 1 Jan (KJM, *DJA). **Others:** Batavia (Kane Co) (70 in birches), 16 Dec (DP); Barrington Twp (Cook Co) (70 in one flock in alders), 16 Feb (ABA); Schaumburg (Cook Co) (40-60), 7-17 Jan (SAC:ph); LCal (WolfL) (60 & 20 & 55 feeding on alders), 10 & 1 & 23 Dec (WJM); Big Rock FP (Kane Co) (54), 8 Dec (ASA); Wheaton (DuPage Co) (54 @ yard feeder), 2 Feb (VM); Rockton (Winnebago Co) (50), 22 Feb (DTW, NM); Oswego (Kendall Co) (48), 18 Dec (ASA); Glenview (Flick Pk, Cook Co) (47 feeding on alders), 31 Dec (JPL); Libertyville (Lake Co) (40 feeding on "catkins"), 28 Dec (NM); Buffalo Grove (Lake Co) (40 & 20 feeding in birches), 22 & 2 Dec resp (DBJ); Norris Wds FP (Kane Co) (40), 31 Dec (SAC); ShabbonaL (25 & 35 both groups feeding in alders), 1 Dec & 20 Feb (VLM & JZ resp); Binnie FP (Kane Co) (30), 2 Jan (SAC); Rock Falls (RockR D, Whiteside Co) (30), 24 Jan, & (12-20), 9-19 Jan (MAM & DTW, JAS, ASA resp); Matteson (Cook Co) (30), 5 Jan (SZ); Rockton (Winnebago Co) (29; "present for 3 weeks @ feeders"), 18 Feb (NM); Pheasant Run (DuPage Co) (25), 29 Dec (SAC); Rckfd (24), 10-20 Feb (SOi, POi); LCal (O'Brien L&D) (30), 19 Jan (GAW m.ob.); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (22 & 28), 1 Jan & 22 Feb resp (RBs); Lake Zurich (Lake Co) (21), 17 Feb (DAi); Forreston (Ogle Co) (20 @ feeders & 14 in birch), 21 Jan & 3 Dec resp (ASt); Genoa (DeKalb Co) (20 & 12), 18 Feb & 8 Dec (KML:ph m.ob.); Orland Park (Cook Co) (11-20), 16-17 Feb (DGy); St. Charles (Kane Co) (18 & 9), 16 & 15 Feb resp (JLg); Wauk (17), 10 Feb (BJS); Inverness (Cook Co) (17), 16 Feb (MTr); Fitchie Crk FP (Kane Co) (16), 30 Dec (EM); Sinnissippi Pk, Sterling (Whiteside Co) (16), 14 Dec (DHh); Valley Twp (Stark Co) (15 eating birch seeds), 2 Feb (MHB); Springbrk (14), 1 Jan (MM); NPM (12), 8 Dec (BJS); Geneva (Kane Co) (12), 26 Feb (SAC); Montrose (12), 8-13 Dec (SBB, NS:ph, RC:ph et al.); MiddleburyM (Will Co) (12), 25 Dec (ASA); Meredosial CBC (Brown, Morgan, Pike & Scott Cos) (10), 14 Dec (fide TW); Glen Ellyn (DuPage Co) (9), 6 Feb (DS); Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (2-8), 8-26 Jan (ASA, LGt, MM et al.); Chann (8), 9 Feb (ASA, DHh); Gillson (7), 15 Jan (MMC); Princeton (Bureau Co) (2-7), 8-17 Feb (BB); Medina Twp (Peoria Co) (6), 15 Feb (CM); Cary (McHenry Co) (4-5), 15-18 Feb (KW); Mundelein (Lake Co) (1-5), 9-25 Feb (SDB); Franklin Crk SNA (Lee Co) (5), 24 Feb (RA); Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (4), 4 Dec (TDF:ph); Spring Valley NC (Schaumburg, Cook Co) (4), 28 Feb (AFS); Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (2-4), 4-10 Dec (TDF); Dixon Twp (Ogle Co) (3), 8 Jan (AFS, DHh); Thomson (3+), 1 Dec (ASt et al.); Chi (Humboldt Pk) (3), 10 Dec (SBB); Charleston (EIU Campus, Coles Co) (3 w/ RECR feeding on sweet gum seeds), 4-28 Feb (RB, TDF:ph et al.:ph); LowdMil (2), 13 Jan (RA); Byron (Ogle Co) (2), 15-17 Feb (RCe); St. Charles (Kane Co) (2), 10 Feb (JLg); GreenR (2), 24 Dec (*KJM, DJA); LCal (Eggers Wds) (2), 29 Dec (CDH, WJM et al.); *e.Knox* (2), 14 Dec (fide DJM); Minonk (Woodford Co) (1-2), 2-16 Feb (TH); Pekin (Tazewell Co) (♂&♀), 15-18 Feb (DNo); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) 2 (♂ & ♀), 21 Feb (KAM); Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 16 Feb (BJS); Elgin (JudsonU, Kane Co), 26 Dec (SSr, EES); QC (♀), 16 Dec (*KJM, SBH); LTFP (♂), 5 Jan (*KJM); Galesburg (Knox Co), 2,17,19 Feb (DJM); Chau, 7 Jan (KBR); Urbana (yard feeder), 19 Dec (SRr); Spfld, 9 Dec (MB); JEPC (feeder), 1 Jan (CS); Murrayville (Morgan Co), 9 Feb (PMW, TW, CD).

HOARY REDPOLL

CBG (up to 3 incl ♀, ♂), 2 Dec - 13 Jan (MH, SDB m.ob.:ph); KArb (♂), 22 Dec (*DTW, RCe, BGr, RGr, m.ob.); Genoa (DeKalb Co), 23 Jan-27 Feb (KML:ph, *DTW, SDB, m.ob.:ph); Schaumburg (Cook Co) (♂), 7 Jan (SAC:ph); Montrose (1, maybe 2), 7-12 Dec (LGM, MMC:ph, JIE:ph, NS:ph et al.).

Pine Siskin

MC: 241, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 151, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 121, Elburn FP (Kane Co), 25 Dec (*ASA); 88 (in alders), ClintonL, 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 35 (incl one "green" form; feeding in alders), MeadbrkPk, 15-19 Dec (SDB, GSL:ph, RK, JT:ph); 6, CarlL-C, 23 Feb (*DMK). **Others:** Lost Nation (Ogle Co) (116; one feeder), 16 Dec (EWW); *e.Knox* (54), 14 Dec (fide DJM m.ob.); Rckfd (52), 20 Dec (DTW, BCW); Lake Forest (Lake Co) (50), 1 Jan (ML); Palos Park (35), 1 Jan (JS); Rock Springs FP (Macon Co) (35 in alders), 2 Dec (TAM); South Barrington (Cook Co) (34), 17 Dec (ABA); Batavia (Kane Co) (31), 1 Jan (MM); Quincy (Adams Co) (30), all winter (PR, PJR); CBG (25), 28 Dec (KAM);



Common Redpoll. Eastern Illinois University, Coles County. 26 February 2013. Photo by Tyler Funk.

Hoary Redpoll. Chicago Botanic Garden, Cook County. 31 December 2012. Photo by Andrew Aldrich.

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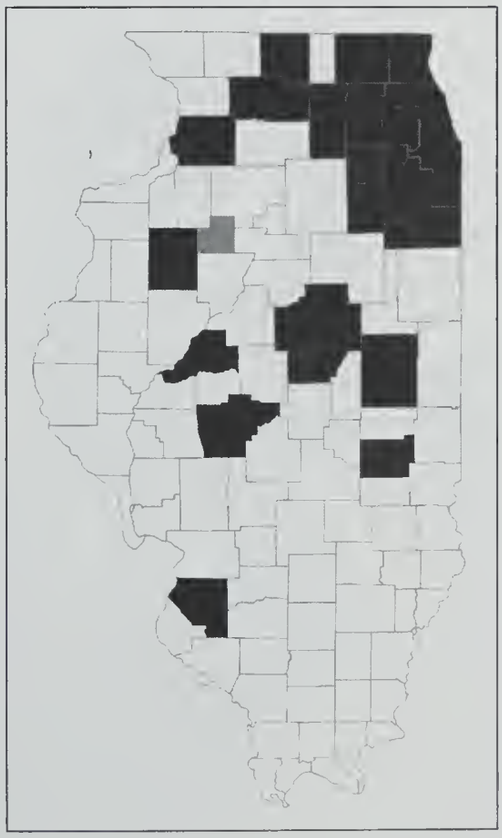

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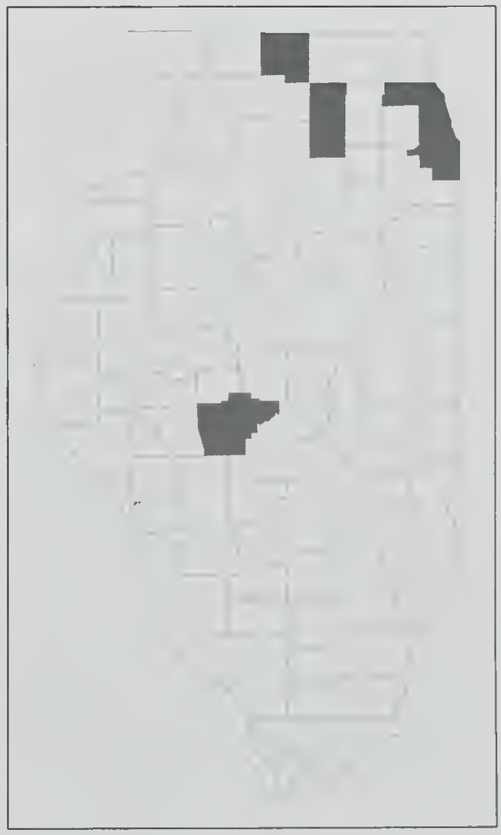

Forreston (Ogle Co) (20), 7 Dec (ASt); Spring Valley NC (Schaumburg, Cook Co) (20), 14 Feb (SAC); Sang (20), 23 Jan & 19 Feb (HDB); LTFP (17), 5 Jan (KJM); Mundelein (@ feeder, Lake Co) (9-16), 27 Jan – 14 Feb (SDB, SLD); KankakeeR SP (16), 11 Dec (JBH); Decatur (15 in sweet gum), 2 Dec (TAM); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (14), 8 Jan (RBs); *n. Vermilion* (14), 1 Jan (SDB); StarvedRock (12), 12 Jan (CDH); Wauconda Twp (Lake Co) (10 feeding on quaking aspen seeds), 12 Feb (SDB); Wheaton (DuPage Co) (10 @ yard feeder), 2 Feb (VM); ThunderbirdL (Putnam Co) (6), 22 Dec (DFS); Bull Valley (McHenry Co) (3), 29 Dec (RG); *Alexander* (3), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (2), 23 Dec (KAM); Edwardsville (Madison Co) (2), 6 Jan (KAM); Valmeyer (Monroe Co), 2 Jan (KAM); RendL-F, 15 Dec (DMK, KAM); UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); FtMSP, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg).

American Goldfinch

MC: 813, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 600, CarlL-C, 3 Feb (DMK); 200, RendL-F, 15 Dec (DMK); 151, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 106, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (SDB); 70, Sang, 21 Feb (HDB). **Others:** *Mercer* (151), 31 Dec (DJA, TM, m.ob.); LCal (134), 29 Dec (WJM, CDH, MLB); Murrayville (Morgan Co) (100 @ feeder), 9 Feb (TW, CD); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (100), 21 Feb (KAM); FtMSP (95), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg); Sam Parr SP (Jasper Co) (91), 16 Feb (DN); *Lee & Whiteside* (76), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); River Forest (Cook Co) (75), 16 Feb (JSA); LCal (Eggers Wds) (74), 6 Dec (DFS); *Alexander* (72), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); Elsah Twp (Jersey Co) (70), 17 Feb (TF); *Carroll & Whiteside* (69), 19 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); LCal (Water Reclamation Plant) (63), 27 Dec (WJM); *Fulton & McDonough* (61), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); Mundelein (Lake Co) (60 @ single yard feeders), 27 Jan (SDB, SLD); Iroquois Co CA (60), 1 Jan (JBH); *Rock Island* (56), 26 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); Urbana (53), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Union* (52), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Whitley Crk RA (ShelbyvilleL, Moultrie Co) (50), 4 Jan (TAM); MooseL (Edwards Co) (50), 18 Feb (VJ); *Monroe* (48), 15 Dec (C&PD); South Twigg Twp (Hamilton Co) (48), 18 Feb (LH); Aurora (MastodonL, Kane Co) (44), 18 Feb (ASA); Norris City (White Co) (42), 25 Jan (SSe); ThunderbirdL (Putnam Co) (41), 22 Dec (DFS).

Evening Grosbeak

Elburn (Kane Co), 9 Dec (EG, AG, EDG); Crabtree NC (Cook Co) (@ feeder), 13-18 Feb (ABA, JHn et al.); Chi (Rosehill Cem; ♀ eating hackberries), 27 Jan - 28 Feb (MDn, AG:ph, SBB:ph, m.ob.:ph); SRSF (♀), 2 Dec (EWW).

House Sparrow

MC: 1570, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); 1116, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 586, *Fulton & McDonough*, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); 400, CarlL-C, 27 Dec (DMK). **Others:** *Lee & Whiteside* (657), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (532), 16 Dec (GAW m.ob.); *Rock Island* (449), 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); *Carroll & Whiteside* (362), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); LCal (259), 29 Dec (WJM, CDH, MLB); ClintonL (200), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Henry* (125), 4 Jan (KJM); Kankakee (75), 13 Jan (JBH); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (74), 20 Dec (KJM, EA, RN).

Barnacle Goose with Canada and Cackling Geese and one Greater White-fronted Goose. Lake Bloomington, McLean County. 12 February 2013. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Evening Grosbeak. Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, Cook County. 17 February 2013. Photo by John Picken.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 1297, *Mercer*, 31 Dec (DJA, TM, m.ob.); 166, *Rock Island*, 26 Dec (CDM, JLM, MMn, KJM); 75, Chau, 14 Dec (EC); 50, TwoRivers, 11 Dec (BSf); 44, HL, 26 Jan (FRH). **Others:** *e.Knox* (161), 14 Dec (fide DJM m.ob.); *Fulton & McDonough* (131), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); *Henry* (75), 4 Jan (KJM); *Lee & Whiteside* (67), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); QC (61), 16 Dec (BLB, CB); Sugar Grove NC (Funks Grove, McLean Co) (50 & 40), 1 Dec & 9 Feb (DB:ph & BM:ph resp); Emiquon (50), 1-30 Dec (PB, NS, EPt); *Pike* (50), 17 Feb (JHd); Golden Eagle (Calhoun Co) (40), 17 Feb (EWW); Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (36), 18 Feb (JF); BannerM (30), 9 Jan (EC); PittsfieldL (Pike Co) (25), 20 Jan (EWW); Sang (20), 4 Dec (HDB); *Putnam* (17), 22 Dec (DFS); Colchester (McDonough Co) (10), 9-26 Feb (EF); Forreston (Ogle Co) (9@feeders), 7 Dec- 21 Jan (ASt); Gold Twp (Bureau Co) (7), 22 Jan (DHh); WardI (MissR, Adams Co) (5), 17 Feb (PJR); Prophetstown (Whiteside Co) (4), 29 Dec (DHh, ASA); Toulon (Stark Co) (2), 23 Dec (JWW); JEPC (2), 1 Jan (CS); Elkhorn Grove (Carroll Co), 21 Jan (DHh).

Pine Siskin. Allerton Park, Monticello, Piatt County. 2 December 2012. Photo by Travis Mahan.

Counties in which the Pine Siskin was found in the 2012/2013 winter season. Map by Nathan Goldberg.

Exotic / Released Species/ Re-introduced population

Barnacle Goose

Elburn Quarry Pond (Kane Co), 8-16 Dec (*ASA, SAC, LGt, JJD, JDr et al.); LBloom (unbanded bird w/CACG, CANG & GWFG), 29 Jan - 12 Feb (*TH:ph, MEF, BM:ph).

Whooping Crane

BaileyWet (4), all winter (CLH); *Wabash* (2), 8 Dec - 28 Feb (RES, CLH); UCCA (2 color-banded birds), 10 Jan – 16 Feb (CH:ph et al:ph).

European Goldfinch

Wauk (2), 13 Feb (AFS, JRS).

European Greenfinch

Harvard (McHenry Co) (3), 16 Feb (KAM) "in mixed flock with NOCAs and DEJUs".

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